

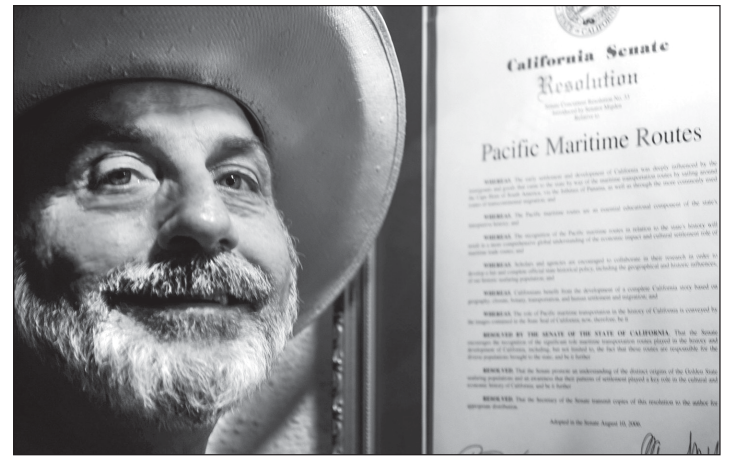
Are you USA Proud?

Dear Student: Explore the map. Imagine sailing from Boston to South America to Hawaii and finally California. In the 1840s at Sonoma and Petaluma Valley, General Vallejo was shipping hides on Mexico's Frontera del Norte with his Acapulco partner Henry Virmond to Germany.

This poster-calendar is for you to take home to display. In 2002, when you were born as the new Millineum generation, we started to fix the problem in California schools of not teaching teens how to open their local "Pacific Coast" window in 19th Century US History.

In 2004, we sailed as a courier ship dispatched for you for this patriotic purpose to improve the US history law with mayor endorsements from Monterey to the Capitol. In 2006, the California Senate adopted the Pacific Maritime Routes resolution. Finally, August 2016, the State Board of Education approved the "Around the Horn" and "President Polk" standards for teaching teens US history in grades 8th and 11th. Now, for the first time in our Golden State K-12 schools, you have the sailing ship, the horse, the covered wagon, the American steam locomotive, all together for learning. You have the complete Atlantic-Pacific geo-political system of climate, soils, food staples, commerce, waterways, technology, migration in the West.

I share the hope for this education milestone to guarantee you access to basic knowledge of our landscape and people. Today's generations will now growup with local roots in the classroom to improve community awareness that we didn't have... to transform apathy into caring.



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The pioneer purpose of this innovation will strengthen your classroom learning connection to grow community awareness.



We are dedicated to teaching this essential foundation that guarantees your access and youth preparedness for our democracy's future.

