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S. RES. 253

Congratulating His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on his election to the papacy.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2025

Mr. SCHMITT (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. PAUL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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to the papacy.

Whereas the Senate recognizes the historic and spiritual significance of the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV as the Bishop of Rome and leader of the worldwide Catholic Church;

Whereas the Senate recognizes the historic and spiritual significance of the first Pope from the United States ever elected to the papacy;

Whereas the Pope serves as a global symbol of peace, compassion, humility, and the pursuit of justice; and

Whereas the election of the new Pope marks a moment of profound importance for over 1,000,000,000 Catholics

worldwide, including millions in the United States, and for people of all faiths who are inspired by his message and ministry: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) acknowledges the commitment of His Holi-
 3 ness Pope Leo XIV to promoting human dignity, de-
 4 fending the poor and marginalized, advancing inter-
 5 faith dialogue, and fostering reconciliation and peace
 6 throughout the world;

7 (2) expresses the hope that the strong relation-
 8 ship between the United States and The Holy See
 9 will continue to deepen, reflecting shared values of
 10 human rights, religious freedom, and global coopera-
 11 tion;

12 (3) recognizes the significance of the Catholic
 13 Church in promoting justice, humanitarian assist-
 14 ance, and moral leadership in the world; and

15 (4) extends its best wishes for a successful and
 16 inspiring pontificate.

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