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S. RES. 281

Expressing the sense of the United States Senate that President Obama should issue a statement regarding spying on His Holiness, Pope Francis.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 31, 2013

Mr. PAUL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence

RESOLUTION

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Whereas public news reports this week indicate that the United States National Security Agency monitored millions of phone calls in Italy in late 2012 and early 2013;

Whereas these reports indicate that the National Security Agency monitored telephone calls made to and from a residence in Rome where then Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio stayed during the conclave selecting Bergoglio, now known as His Holiness Pope Francis, to succeed Pope Benedict XVI;

Whereas this story has been widely reported in the American and international media;

Whereas the National Security Agency has reportedly denied the allegations; and

Whereas these allegations are serious and President Obama should personally address these reports: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that
- 2 President Obama should directly address the serious alle-
- 3 gation whether his administration monitored the calls of
- 4 Pope Francis or the conclave selecting the Pope.

