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Congratulating Indonesia's President-elect Joko Widodo on his electoral victory and commending the people of Indonesia on their commitment to democracy and free and fair elections.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Indonesia's President-elect Joko Widodo on his electoral victory and commending the people of Indonesia on their commitment to democracy and free and fair elections.

Whereas the United States and Indonesia are the world's second and third largest democracies, respectively;

Whereas the United States and Indonesia share many common values, including respect for human rights and the rule of law;

Whereas in November 2010, the United States and Indonesia launched the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership, which solidified a long-term commitment to cooperation on key bilateral, regional and global issues;

Whereas the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership's Democracy and Civil Society Working Group promotes enhanced cooperation on parliamentary and electoral processes and political empowerment for women;

Whereas Indonesia, a regional and global leader, has undergone a remarkable democratic transformation over the last 2 decades;

Whereas on July 9, 2014, approximately 135,000,000 votes were cast in Indonesia's Presidential election, which was the largest single day election in the world to date;

Whereas on July 22, 2014, Joko Widodo was declared the winner in Indonesia's Presidential election; and

Whereas Indonesia, with its vast geography, large multi-ethnic population, and largest Muslim majority population in the world, is a powerful model for a peaceful, democratic transition of power: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates Indonesia's President-elect
3 Joko Widodo on his electoral victory;

4 (2) commends the people of Indonesia on their
5 commitment to democracy and free and fair elec-
6 tions;

7 (3) affirms the commitment of the United
8 States to strengthening our bilateral relationship
9 with Indonesia;

10 (4) supports the advancement of an inclusive
11 democracy and an active role for civil society in In-
12 donesia; and

1 (5) recognizes Indonesia's 2014 Presidential
2 election as an example of a peaceful, democratic
3 transition of power for other transformational de-
4 mocracies throughout the world to follow.

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