

Senate Resolution 853

By: Senators Rahman of the 5th and Jones II of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Country of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Association
2 of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bangladesh declared its independence on March 26, 1971, was recognized by
4 the United States on April 4, 1972, and this year celebrates 52 years of diplomatic relations;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the Bangladesh Association of Georgia was established on November 25, 1990,
7 the date that the first constitution was introduced and approved by the Board of the Executive
8 Committee members, with a vision to unite and empower Bangladeshi-Americans in
9 Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the mission of the Bangladesh Association of Georgia is to celebrate, educate,
11 and elevate. Through a variety of cultural events, educational programs, and community
12 initiatives, the association strives to promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of
13 Bangladeshi heritage; and

14 WHEREAS, during the past 52 years, the United States and Bangladesh have remained
15 closely engaged on a range of issues, including trade, economy, security, governance
16 development, and many other global issues; and

17 WHEREAS, the ties between the United States and Bangladesh go beyond the
18 government-to-government level as people-to-people contacts and commercial relationships
19 are increasing over the years, and both countries are willing to see this relationship grow in
20 depth and dimension over the next 52 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Bangladesh and the United States share similar views on many international
22 issues, including maintaining international peace, security, and stability; the fight against
23 terrorism and violent extremism; human rights; the 2030 agenda for sustainable
24 development; climate change; and many more; and

25 WHEREAS, Bangladesh always remembers and recognizes the contributions of the
26 American people and their senators and representatives, particularly Senator Ted Kennedy,
27 who supported Bangladesh during the war of liberation in 1971; and

28 WHEREAS, Bangladesh has made significant socioeconomic progress in the last 52 years,
29 including increased food production, disaster resilience, poverty alleviation, improved health
30 and education, and women's empowerment; and

31 WHEREAS, for more than a decade, Bangladesh has remained one of the fastest growing
32 economies in the world, and its economic growth is not only benefitting its own people but
33 is also contributing to the peace, progress, and prosperity of the region; and

34 WHEREAS, the United States has been a long-standing partner of Bangladesh in this
35 successful journey of economic and social development and the two-way trade volume
36 between the two countries has recently surpassed \$9 billion.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
38 recognize and commend the Country of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Association of
39 Georgia for their advocacy, outreach, and encouragement of the new generation of
40 Bangladeshi-Americans to explore Bangladeshi culture and heritage as well as to build
41 bridges with other cultures.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
44 press.