Senate Resolution 113

By: Senators Rahman of the 5th, Au of the 48th, Butler of the 55th, Jackson of the 2nd, Merritt of the 9th and others

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing February 21, 2021, as Shaheed Dibosh and International Mother Language Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, languages are at the very heart of the people of the world, and multilingualism is a powerful means of promoting, protecting, and preserving diversity of languages and cultures of the world; and

WHEREAS, the unprecedented sacrifice made by Bangladesh for the cause of her mother tongue Bangla on February 21, 1952, is observed as Shaheed Dibosh (Martyr's Day); and

WHEREAS, International Mother Language Day, celebrated every year on February 21, was proclaimed by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on November 17, 1999; and

WHEREAS, at its 56th session, the United Nations General Assembly welcomed the decision by the General Conference of UNESCO that February 21 should be proclaimed International Mother Language Day; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the 2021 International Mother Language Day, "fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society," recognizes that languages and multilingualism can advance a culture of peace; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh coincides this year with the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who was a crucial student leader of the 1952 language movement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body recognize February 21, 2021, as Shaheed Dibosh and International Mother Language Day at the state capitol and pay homage to the martyrs of the 1952 language movement of Bangladesh.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Consulate General of Bangladesh.