

Senate Resolution 326

By: Senators Rahman of the 5th and Merritt of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the Lahore Resolution on March 23, 1940, and
2 recognizing March 23, 2021, as Pakistan Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States and Pakistan are united by shared values, common interests,
4 and mutual respect, constantly striving to encourage greater tolerance, enforce the rule of
5 law, and uphold the principles of democracy; and

6 WHEREAS, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah said that "the story of Pakistan, its
7 struggle and its achievement, is the very story of great human ideals, struggling to survive
8 in the face of great odds and difficulties"; these words ring true today as Pakistan works to
9 fulfill the vision of its founders; and

10 WHEREAS, we join the people of Pakistan and Pakistani American Friends of Atlanta
11 (PAFA) along with the Honorable Consul General of Pakistan in Houston Abrar H. Hashmi
12 in honoring these ideals and the valiant sacrifices made every day in the fight against violent
13 extremism; and

14 WHEREAS, we remember the message of "hope, courage, and confidence" the
15 Quaid-e-Azam expressed to the Pakistani people, and we continue to support efforts to strive
16 for a more peaceful and prosperous Pakistan; and

17 WHEREAS, the Lahore Resolution was adopted on March 23, 1940, during the All-India
18 Muslim League's three-day general session; written and prepared by Muhammad Zafarullah
19 Khan; and presented by A. K. Fazul Huq, Sher-e-Bengal; and

20 WHEREAS, the Lahore Resolution is also known as the Pakistan Resolution or the
21 Declaration of Independence of Pakistan as it laid the foundation for the creation of Pakistan.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 congratulate the people of Pakistan and Georgians of Pakistani descent; celebrate the
24 anniversary of the signing of the Lahore Resolution; and recognize March 23, 2021, as
25 Pakistan Day at the state capitol.

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