

Senate Resolution 821

By: Senators Rahman of the 5th, Jordan of the 6th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones of the 10th and Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

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

2 WHEREAS, Bangladesh declared its independence on March 26, 1971, was recognized by
3 the United States on April 4, 1972, and this year celebrates 50 years of diplomatic relations;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, more than 30,000 Bangladeshi Americans reside in the State of Georgia and
6 approximately half a million live and work in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, during the past 50 years, the United States and Bangladesh have remained
8 closely engaged on a range of issues, including trade, economy, security, governance
9 development, and many other global issues; and

10 WHEREAS, the ties between the United States and Bangladesh go beyond the
11 government-to-government level as people-to-people contacts and commercial relationships
12 are increasing over the years, and both countries are willing to see this relationship grow in
13 depth and dimension over the next 50 years; and

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Bangladesh has made significant socioeconomic progress in the last 50 years,
22 including increased food production, disaster resilience, poverty alleviation, improved health
23 and education, and women's empowerment; and

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

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

30 WHEREAS, the United States appreciates the generous role of the Government of
31 Bangladesh in sheltering more than one million Rohingyas; the United States is the largest
32 contributor to the Rohingya crisis response, providing humanitarian support of over
33 \$1 billion; and

34 WHEREAS, Bangladesh also appreciates the United States for providing 61 million doses
35 of COVID vaccines to Bangladesh and supporting Bangladesh in the management of the
36 COVID pandemic.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
38 recognize and commend the Country of Bangladesh and extend best wishes for continued
39 success.

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