

Senate Resolution 551

By: Senators Rahman of the 5th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Harbison of the 15th, Mangham of the 55th, James of the 28th and others

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 53 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, for the past 53 years, the United States and Bangladesh have maintained a
8 strong and cooperative relationship, engaging closely on a wide range of issues, including
9 trade, economic development, security, governance, and global affairs; 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 53 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 has made significant socioeconomic progress in the last 53 years,
19 including increased food production, disaster resilience, poverty alleviation, improved health
20 and education, and women's empowerment; and

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

24 WHEREAS, the United States has been a long-standing partner of Bangladesh in this
25 successful journey of economic and social development and the two-way trade volume
26 between the two countries has been estimated at \$10.6 billion in 2024; and

27 WHEREAS, in 2024, a student-led movement advocated for civil service quota reforms and
28 brought together the working class in Bangladesh to call for a more democratic government;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, we wish continued success for the new caretaker government and applaud the
31 commitment to a more just fair system of government in Bangladesh.

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

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