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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bangladesh Day is taking place at the State Capitol
2 on February 21, 2023, providing a welcome opportunity to honor the
3 history and achievements of its people, including the thousands of
4 Bangladeshi Americans who make their homes in Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Located in the delta of the Ganges and Brahmaputra
6 Rivers in the northeastern part of the Indian subcontinent, the
7 area that now makes up Bangladesh was part of the province of Bengal
8 during the era of British colonial rule on the Indian subcontinent,
9 from the mid-18th to mid-20th centuries; the region became part of
10 Pakistan following the partition of India in 1947; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1971, Bangladesh gained its independence, and its
12 capital was established at Dhaka; over the past half-century, the
13 country's economy has become one of the fastest growing in the
14 world; new developments in agricultural practices have increased
15 production of rice, jute, tea, and other products; moreover, the
16 garment industry is integral to national commerce, employing
17 millions of people; while Bangladesh continues to grapple with many
18 of the challenges common to the developing world, expanded access
19 to health care, social services, and education have improved the
20 well-being of its population in recent decades; and

21 WHEREAS, Emigrants from Bangladesh have made contributions
22 to countries around the globe, and more than 185,000 Bangladeshi
23 Americans reside in the United States; Texas is home to over 11,000
24 individuals of Bangladeshi heritage, with a particularly large

1 community living in the Dallas-Fort Worth area; and

2 WHEREAS, Bangladeshi Americans have greatly contributed to
3 the vibrancy of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to welcome
4 the visiting delegation to the Texas statehouse on this special
5 occasion; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2023, as Bangladesh Day
8 at the State Capitol and extend to all those in attendance sincere
9 best wishes for a memorable and productive stay in Austin.