

Senate Resolution 622

By: Senators Rahman of the 5th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 21, 2024, as Shaheed Dibosh and International Mother Language Day
2 at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, the theme of International Mother Language Day celebration 2024 is
15 "Multilingual education is a pillar of learning and intergenerational learning. Mother tongue
16 education supports learning, literacy and the acquisition of additional languages"; and

17 WHEREAS, the Bangladesh Association of Georgia and the Bangladeshi Americans of
18 Georgia are observing this special day with multiple programs honoring those sacrificed for
19 this noble cause.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize February 21, 2024, as Shaheed Dibosh and International Mother Language Day
22 at the state capitol and pay homage to the martyrs of the 1952 language movement of
23 Bangladesh.

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