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Commemorating the 50th anniversary of United States and Bangladesh relations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of New York (for himself and Mrs. RADEWAGEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of United States and Bangladesh relations.

Whereas the United States and Bangladesh share a rich and multifaceted relationship focused on cooperation on a range of issues, including economic, security, governance, and development, to advance a shared vision of a free, open, inclusive, peaceful, and secure Indo-Pacific region;

Whereas Senator Ted Kennedy traveled to Bangladesh in 1971, and after witnessing the plight of the Bangladeshi at the hands of Pakistan, advocated for them which led to the independence of Bangladesh on December 16, 1971;

Whereas the United States recognized Bangladesh on April 4, 1972, in a press statement from Secretary of State William Rogers;

Whereas Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in a letter to President Nixon on April 9, 1972, acknowledged the recognition;

Whereas the United States Embassy was established on May 18, 1972, with Herbert Spivack, principal United States officer of Dhaka;

Whereas President Bill Clinton visited Bangladesh in 2000, marking a historic event as the first trip to a South Asian country made by a United States head of state;

Whereas the United States and Bangladesh's joint cooperation on the Rohingya crisis in 2017 urged for a full and transparent investigation of the death of prominent Rohingya advocate, Mohib Ullah, and financial humanitarian assistance from the United States, and an acceptance of over 700,000 refugees by Bangladesh alleviated and saved numerous Rohingya Muslims escaping persecution;

Whereas the sixth United States-Bangladesh Partnership Dialogue meeting in November 2017 renewed the commitment to improving governance, trade and investment, security cooperation, and deepening of cooperation on bilateral, regional, and international priorities for counterterrorism, climate change, sustainable development, and migration;

Whereas the United States has shared over 10,500,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines with Bangladesh during the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, in 2021, President Biden has pledged to contribute to climate aid to Bangladesh; and

Whereas both nations stand together to defeat extremism:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the people of Bangladesh on the
3 50th anniversary of United States and Bangladesh
4 relations;

5 (2) recognizes the historical significance of this
6 milestone of United States and Bangladesh rela-
7 tions;

8 (3) recognizes the joint effort that has been
9 made to combat COVID–19;

10 (4) recognizes the contributions of the United
11 States and Bangladesh toward assisting Rohingya
12 refugees fleeing genocide in Burma; and

13 (5) reaffirms its commitment and partnership
14 with Bangladesh to ensuring a peaceful, safe, open,
15 free, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.

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