



# *Certificate of Congressional Recognition*

*For the*

## **Bangladesh Association, Houston**

*On the Occasion of*

### **International Mother Language Day 2005**

*"Let Language Speak of Freedom & Peace"*

*Whereas,*

In its 1999 General Conference, United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) proclaimed the 21st of February as International Mother Language Day (IMLD), to recognize the sanctity of all vernacular languages, as well as to promote linguistic and cultural diversity; and

*Whereas,*

UNESCO member states committed themselves to helping to protect and revitalize their rich cultural diversity by promoting languages as a means of communication, interaction and understanding among different peoples; and

*Whereas,*

The Bangladesh Student Association (BSA) of University of Houston along with its parent organization, Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH), and various other organizations, organized to take part in this momentous day of celebration and appreciation of linguistic and cultural traditions because they too realized its great significance;

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved,* that on behalf of the constituents of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I take great pride in recognizing International Mother Language Day and the Bangladesh Association for its part in acknowledging the importance of cultural preservation by maintaining one's language. Indeed, your dedication and commitment is deserving of the respect, admiration and commendation of the United States Congress.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sheila Jackson Lee", is positioned above the printed name.

February 19, 2005

Sheila Jackson Lee  
Member of Congress