



Certificate of Congressional Recognition

Presented to

The Bangladesh Association and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF

On the occasion of

The Bangladesh Festival for the Cyclone Sidr Relief Fund

WHEREAS, Cyclone Sidr, a category four cyclone, swept through Bangladesh on November 15, 2007, killing over 4000 people and devastated the lives of over 27 million people as it flattened homes, damaged buildings and roads, destroyed thousands of acres of crops, and ripped families apart; and

WHEREAS, Bangladesh must now repair failed water and electrical systems, restore communication with rural villages, and stem the spread of cholera and other diseases to ensure that more lives are not lost in the aftermath of this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, The Bangladesh Association and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF have joined in partnership to create awareness and raise funds to provide food, shelter, medicine and other life-saving necessities to the people of Bangladesh; and

WHEREAS Through this partnership, the Bangladesh Association and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF have raised funds throughout December, 2007 and January, 2008, henceforth known as the "Bangladesh Cyclone Relief Month," and now culminate the efforts with the Bangladesh Festival.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, on behalf of the constituents of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I take great pride in recognizing and honoring the Bangladesh Association and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF on the occasion of the Bangladesh Festival for the Cyclone Sidr Relief Fund, and I proclaim that December, 2007 through January, shall be henceforth known the "Bangladesh Cyclone Relief Month." Your contribution and hard work is most deserving of the respect, admiration and commendation of the United States Congress.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sheila Jackson Lee".

January 26, 2008

Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress