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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas section of the United States Tennis  
2 Association (USTA Texas) is an outstanding organization that is  
3 committed to encouraging the growth of tennis throughout the state;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, A sport that can be enjoyed by individuals of all  
6 ages, tennis helps to fight obesity in children and offers a healthy  
7 lifestyle for adults; and

8           WHEREAS, Tennis courts in city parks offer an excellent  
9 public venue for activity and socializing, but the versatile sport  
10 can also be played anywhere from gymnasiums to parking lots and  
11 driveways, and rule changes such as shorter courts, softer balls,  
12 and smaller racquets have made the game even more accessible for  
13 children in the USTA's 10 and Under program as well as for seniors;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Through USTA Texas and the state's physical  
16 education curriculum, teachers receive training and equipment, and  
17 hundreds of thousands of young Texans have opportunities to try the  
18 sport; moreover, the organization's National Junior Tennis and  
19 Learning program, founded by Arthur Ashe, provides tennis lessons  
20 and academic tutoring to thousands of low-income and at-risk  
21 children across Texas; after-school tennis for youth of all ages  
22 instills such values as teamwork, sportsmanship, dedication, and  
23 fitness; and

24           WHEREAS, In addition to its work with students, the USTA

1 supports the military through a variety of worthy initiatives; the  
2 organization provides wheelchair tennis programs for wounded  
3 warriors at several military bases and veterans' hospitals and has  
4 sent modified tennis equipment to Afghanistan; USTA Texas also  
5 supports tennis programs for adults and children at the state's  
6 many military bases; and

7 WHEREAS, Through its dedication to increasing the  
8 accessibility of tennis for Texans from all backgrounds and of all  
9 ages, USTA Texas is working to make our communities healthier  
10 places in which to live, and it is indeed deserving of special  
11 recognition for its achievements; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize April 16, 2013, as United States  
14 Tennis Association Texas Day at the State Capitol and extend to all  
15 those affiliated with the organization sincere best wishes for  
16 continued success.