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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas section of the United States 2 Tennis Association are visiting Austin on March 6, 2017, to 3 celebrate USTA Texas Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, USTA Texas was founded in 1895; it is a nonprofit volunteer organization composed of more than 50,000 individual members and over 500 organizational members, and it features programs for beginning, recreational, and competitive juniors, as well as for adults and seniors; and

WHEREAS, As part of the USTA National Junior Tennis and 9 Learning network, the state section has joined with more than 50 10 11 community tennis associations across Texas to help promote the 12 health, social, and educational benefits of tennis through a variety of youth programs; among those are Play Days, which is 13 designed to introduce youngsters to competitive tennis in a 14 low-pressure setting, and Hot Shots, which helps instill such 15 16 values as teamwork, sportsmanship, and dedication by offering 17 organized match play in a team setting; and

18 WHEREAS, Through USTA Texas and the state's physical 19 education curriculum, teachers and coaches receive lesson plans, 20 training, and equipment to help them include tennis in their 21 school's athletic program, and hundreds of thousands of young 22 Texans have opportunities to try the sport; and

23 WHEREAS, Committed to making tennis available to all children 24 who want to play, including those with intellectual or physical

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1 disabilities, USTA Texas supports and promotes adaptive and 2 wheelchair tennis programs through education, training, and grant 3 funding; and

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WHEREAS, By increasing the accessibility of tennis for Texans of all ages and backgrounds, USTA Texas has significantly contributed to making our communities healthier places in which to live, and it is a pleasure to welcome its members to Austin for this special occasion; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas 10 Legislature hereby recognize March 6, 2017, as USTA Texas Day at the 11 State Capitol and extend to all those affiliated with the 12 organization sincere best wishes for the future.

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