

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 376

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

**WHEREAS**, USTA Texas was founded in 1895; the nonprofit volunteer organization is composed of more than 50,000 individual members and over 500 organizational members, and it sponsors 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 Learning network, the state section has joined with more than 50 community tennis associations across Texas to help promote the health, social, and educational benefits of tennis through a variety of youth programs; among those are Play Days, which is designed to introduce youngsters to competitive tennis in a low-pressure setting, and Hot Shots, which helps instill such values as teamwork, sportsmanship, and dedication by offering organized match play in a team setting; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Committed to making tennis available to all children who want to play, including those with intellectual or physical disabilities, USTA Texas supports and promotes adaptive and wheelchair tennis programs through education, training, and grant funding; and

**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 the association's members to Austin for this special occasion; now, therefore, be it

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

Taylor of Galveston

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on March 6, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate