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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas section of the United States
2 Tennis Association are visiting Austin on May 9, 2023, to celebrate
3 USTA Texas Day at the State Capitol; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, Through USTA Texas and the state's physical
18 education curriculum, teachers and coaches receive lesson plans,
19 training, and equipment to help them include tennis in their
20 school's athletic program, thereby introducing the sport to
21 hundreds of thousands of young Texans; committed to making tennis
22 available to all children who want to play, including those with
23 intellectual or physical disabilities, USTA Texas supports and
24 promotes adaptive and wheelchair tennis programs through

1 education, training, and grant funding; and

2 WHEREAS, USTA declared the month of May as National Tennis
3 Month to promote local tennis programs and activities, to showcase
4 the sport and its benefits, and to help players and nonplayers alike
5 find opportunities to participate, and by increasing the
6 accessibility of tennis to individuals of all ages and backgrounds,
7 USTA Texas is helping attract and engage a new and diverse community
8 of tennis players and fans; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize May 9, 2023, 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; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for USTA Texas as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.