

No. R-144. House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2025 as National Tennis Month in Vermont.

(H.C.R.120)

Offered by Representatives Graning of Jericho, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Duke of Burlington, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Micklus of Milton, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Sheldon of Middlebury, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Torre of Moretown, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and Wells of Brownington

Offered by Senator Major

Whereas, the organizational history of the sport of tennis in the United States began on May 21, 1881, when the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, now known as the United States Tennis Association (USTA), was established in New York City, and

Whereas, in 2025, the USTA is composed of over 500,000 members, and it promotes the sport of tennis at all levels, from beginners to professionals, and sponsors the annual U.S. Open, the nation's premier tennis tournament, which is held annually at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, New York, and

Whereas, the organization's broad promotion of tennis, "regardless of age, environment, condition, or ability," is facilitated through the USTA Adaptive Tennis Grant Program, and

Whereas, the Physical Activity Council, a major source of athletic participation data in the United States, recently surveyed over 18,000 individuals six years of age and older regarding their involvement in 122 separate sports, and based on the survey's results, extrapolated that in 2024, 25.7 million Americans played tennis, and

Whereas, the USTA operates throughout 17 regions of the country, including USTA New England, and

Whereas, appreciating that the designation of a month commemorating tennis will showcase and benefit all aspects of this popular sport, the USTA has designated May 2025, its 144th anniversary month, as National Tennis Month, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2025 as National Tennis Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to USTA New England.