

No. R-331. House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2026 as National Tennis Month in Vermont.

(H.C.R.273)

Offered by Representatives Graning of Jericho, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Bosch of Clarendon, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cooper of Pownal, Duke of Burlington, Goslant of Northfield, Lueders of Lincoln, Luneau of St. Albans City, Marcotte of Coventry, Micklus of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Page of Newport City, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Sweeney of Shelburne, Torre of Moretown, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and Wells of Brownington

Whereas, on May 21, 1881, the United States Tennis Association (USTA), originally known as the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, was founded in New York, NY, to create rules and standards for the emerging game of lawn tennis, and

Whereas, the USTA is the nonprofit, national governing body for tennis in the United States, and leads the promotion and growth of the sport at every level of play, from beginners to professionals at the U.S. Open, and

Whereas, as the largest tennis organization in the world, the USTA has over 550,000 members from every corner of the country, and

Whereas, the USTA proudly partners with local tennis programs to showcase the important health, social, and educational benefits of tennis, and it makes the sport available to everyone, regardless of age, environment, condition, or ability, through its USTA Adaptive Tennis Grants, and

Whereas, according to an annual study from the Physical Activity Council, a partnership of eight of the major governing bodies and trade associations in the U.S. sports and leisure industry, more than 27.3 million Americans played tennis in 2025, an unprecedented 6.2 percent increase in participation over 2024, and the highest number of players since this study began in 2007, and

Whereas, increasing the accessibility of tennis for Vermonters of all ages and abilities has enabled the USTA to contribute to making Vermont communities happier and healthier, and

Whereas, the USTA has designated the month of May as National Tennis Month in order to encourage players, organizations, facilities, retailers, tennis manufacturers, and others to promote local programs and activities at parks and facilities to showcase tennis and spread the word about the sport and its benefits, and to help players and nonplayers alike find courts and playing opportunities in their communities, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2026 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.