

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 13, 2025, as Louisiana Community Tennis Association Day and May 2025 as National Tennis Month

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as Louisiana Community Tennis Association Day and
3 May 2025 as National Tennis Month.

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

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

10 WHEREAS, the USTA is the largest tennis organization in the world, with more than
11 550,000 members from every corner of the country, and it partners with local tennis
12 programs to showcase the important health, social, and educational benefits of tennis and to
13 make the sport available to everyone regardless of age, environment, condition, or ability
14 through its USTA Adaptive grants; and

15 WHEREAS, the latest research by the Physical Activity Council (PAC) shows that
16 more than 25.7 million Americans played tennis in 2024, an unprecedented 46% increase
17 in participation over 2019 and the highest number of players since the PAC study began in
18 2007; and

19 WHEREAS, by increasing the accessibility of tennis for Louisianians of all ages and
20 abilities, the USTA has contributed to making Louisiana communities happier and healthier;
21 playing tennis three hours a week can reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease by 56%; and

1 WHEREAS, the USTA has declared the month of May as National Tennis Month
2 to encourage players, organizations, facilities, retailers, tennis manufacturers, and others to
3 promote local programs and activities at parks and facilities to showcase tennis and to spread
4 the word about the sport and its benefits, helping players and nonplayers to find courts and
5 play opportunities in their communities.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as Louisiana
8 Community Tennis Association Day and May 2025 as National Tennis Month and does
9 hereby extend best wishes for the future to all who are affiliated with the USTA.

DIGEST

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