HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 106

Rep. McKinney offered the following resolution: 1 A resolution to declare May 2023 as Tennis Month in the state 2 of Michigan. 3 Whereas, On May 21, 1881, the United States Tennis Association, originally known as the United States National Lawn 4 Tennis Association, was founded in New York City, New York, to 6 create rules and standards for the emerging game of lawn tennis; 7 and 8 Whereas, The United States Tennis Association is the 9 nonprofit, national governing body for tennis in the United States, and leads the promotion and growth of the sport at every level of 10 play, from beginners to professionals at the US Open; and 11 12 Whereas, The United States Tennis Association is the largest tennis organization in the world, with over 550,000 members from 13

- 1 every corner of the country; and
- 2 Whereas, The United States Tennis Association proudly partners
- 3 with local tennis programs to showcase the important health,
- 4 social, and educational benefits of tennis, and make the sport
- 5 available to everyone, regardless of age, environment, condition,
- 6 or ability, through its United States Tennis Association Adaptive
- 7 grants; and
- 8 Whereas, The latest research by the Physical Activity Council
- 9 (PAC) shows that more than 23.6 million Americans played tennis in
- 10 2022, an unprecedented 33 percent increase in participation over
- 11 2019 and the highest number of players since the PAC study began in
- **12** 2007; and
- 13 Whereas, By increasing the accessibility of tennis for
- 14 Michigan of all ages and ability, the United States Tennis
- 15 Association has contributed to making Michigan communities happier
- 16 and healthier; and
- 17 Whereas, The United States Tennis Association has declared the
- 18 month of May as National Tennis Month to encourage players,
- 19 organizations, facilities, retailers, tennis manufacturers, and
- 20 more to promote local programs and activities at parks and
- 21 facilities to showcase tennis and spread the word about the sport
- 22 and its benefits, and to help players and non-players alike find
- 23 courts and play opportunities in their communities; now, therefore,
- **24** be it
- 25 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
- 26 this legislative body declare May 2023 as Tennis Month in the state
- 27 of Michigan. We extend to all those affiliated with the
- 28 organization sincere best wishes for the future.