

House Resolution 1356

By: Representatives Rogers of the 20th, Murphy of the 18th, Walker of the 141st, Coleman of the 142nd, Buck of the 135th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Arthur M. Blank; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Arthur M. Blank acquired the Atlanta Falcons football club in mid-February by
3 a unanimous vote of the National Football League owners, and he became the second
4 majority owner of the Atlanta Falcons; and

5 WHEREAS, his new venture into professional football combines his passion for sports and
6 competition with this commitment to Atlanta and provides him a great way to utilize his
7 business skills and experience to further a traditional American sport; and

8 WHEREAS, he and Bernard Marcus founded The Home Depot in 1978, and during his
9 tenure the company has donated more than \$113 million to communities; and his family
10 foundation has contributed substantially to Outward Bound, the Atlanta Symphony
11 Orchestra, Piedmont Park Conservancy, Zoo Atlanta, Hands On Atlanta, and the Boys and
12 Girls Clubs; and

13 WHEREAS, he and his wife were named 2000 Georgia Philanthropists of the Year by the
14 National Society of Fundraising Executives, and his spirit of community, vision, and energy
15 are respected by all Georgians; and he is warmly welcomed by the citizens of Gainesville.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body recognize and commend Arthur M. Blank on his tremendous
18 business and community leadership and his superb generosity and convey to him and his
19 family a hearty welcome to Gainesville, Georgia, the home of the Atlanta Falcons.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Arthur M. Blank.