

## House Resolution 1871

By: Representatives Dudgeon of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Setzler of the 35<sup>th</sup>, Harrell of the 106<sup>th</sup>, Teasley of the 38<sup>th</sup>, Dutton of the 166<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia World Congress Center Authority to use free market principles with any  
2 contracts or rights for a new Atlanta Falcons stadium on the World Congress Center  
3 property; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the World Congress Center generates hundreds of millions of dollars of  
5 economic activity to Georgia and is a vital element of this state's economic development  
6 strategy; and

7 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Falcons franchise and the National Football League are profitable  
8 businesses and are models of success for sports leagues throughout the world; and

9 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Falcons also generates millions of dollars of economic activity to  
10 Georgia and represent Atlanta and this state very well on the national stage; and

11 WHEREAS, the 2013 budget of the General Assembly provides a \$15 million bond for  
12 expansion of the World Congress Center property, while still making cuts to many state  
13 programs; and

14 WHEREAS, there has been much discussion of a new stadium home for the Falcons on the  
15 World Congress Center property; and

16 WHEREAS, taxpayers of this state are concerned about the best possible use of their hard  
17 earned tax dollars.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body urge the Georgia World Congress Center Authority that any  
20 contracts, leases, or purchases for property or rights for a new stadium for the Atlanta  
21 Falcons be made with free market principles and that land purchased by the 2013 bond not  
22 be allocated for such a project at below fair market value.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.