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Assembly Resolution No. 309

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MOURNING the death of Arthur R. Orneck, committed Past Fire Chief, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Arthur R. Orneck of Yorktown Heights, New York, died on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, Arthur R. Orneck distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Arthur R. Orneck worked as a Professional Firefighter for the Greenville Fire District in Scarsdale, New York for twenty years before retiring in 2000; he was a 58-year Life Member of the Yorktown Heights Engine Company No. 1, serving as Chief of the Department between 1986 and 1987; and

WHEREAS, Past Chief Orneck was then elected to the Yorktown Heights Board of Fire Commissioners in 1993 and began his thirtieth year as a Commissioner on January 1, 2023; he was also a member of IBEW Local 3;

and

WHEREAS, Additionally, in great service to his country, Arthur R. Orneck honorably served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968-1974; he attained the esteemed rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Arthur R. Orneck's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Arthur R. Orneck is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his five children, Mellissa, Jeffrey, Arthur, Michael, and John; grandchildren, Rebecca, Jacob, Savannah, Madison, Christian-Tyler, Xander, Samantha, Joshua, Tyler, Shayne, Tristan, and Everett; four great-grandchildren; brother, Howard; sisters, Ruthe, Carole and Susan; and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, He is predeceased by his parents, two brothers-in-law, and a niece; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Arthur R. Orneck leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Arthur R. Orneck, committed Past Fire Chief,

distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the family of Arthur R. Orneck.