

Senate Resolution No. 1301

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Arthur R. Orneck, renowned firefighter, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Arthur R. Orneck was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Arthur R. Orneck, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Arthur R. Orneck, a life-long resident of Yorktown Heights, New York, died on April 4, 2023, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as Arthur R. Orneck who upheld the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomized the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 6, 1948, in White Plains, New York, to Howard and Alice Orneck, Arthur R. Orneck honorably served his country as member of the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1974, attaining the rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Arthur R. Orneck worked as a Professional Firefighter for the Greenville Fire District in Scarsdale, New York, for 20 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, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Past Chief Arthur R. Orneck was then elected to the Yorktown Heights Board of Fire Commissioners in 1993, and began his 13th year as a Commissioner on January 1, 2023; he was also a member of IBEW Local No. 3; and

WHEREAS, Arthur R. Orneck is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; five children, Mellissa, Jeffrey (Judy), Arthur E. (Amanda), Michael, and John (Katelin); 12 grandchildren, Rebecca, Jacob, Savannah (Christian), Madison, Christian-Tyler, Xander, Samantha, Joshua, Tyler, Shayne, Tristan, and Everett; and four great-grandchildren; as well as a brother, Howard (Susan); three sisters, Ruthe, Carole, and Susan (Robert); and many nieces and nephews; he is predeceased by his parents, two brothers-in-law and a niece; and

WHEREAS, Arthur R. Orneck's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight

and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; 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 who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Arthur R. Orneck, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Arthur R. Orneck.