

Assembly Resolution No. 309

BY: M. of A. Slater

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.