

Assembly Resolution No. 763

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HONORING Dr. Vincent Arnone upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Art Teachers Association on November 17-19, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Vincent Arnone upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Art Teachers Association at its 75th Annual Conference on November 17-19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) is a non-profit professional organization founded in 1948 for the purpose of advancing the cause of art education while promoting and advocating for excellence in art education throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, Longtime college professor Dr. Vincent Arnone was recognized by this vital organization with a special citation award honoring his years of teaching at what was then known as Buffalo State College, as well as for his many years of unwavering service and commitment to both NYSATA and art education; and

WHEREAS, A 1952 graduate of Buffalo State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education, Vincent Arnone holds a Fine Arts diploma from the Albright Art School and a Master's degree in Fine Arts and Art Education from Columbia University Teachers College, as well as a Doctoral degree in Education from the State University at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, After two years of service as an Instructor and Curriculum Coordinator with the United States Army, Dr. Vincent Arnone taught in the Clarence School System from 1955-1963; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent Arnone continued his illustrious career at what is now Buffalo State University in 1963 as coordinator of student teaching in the Art Education Division; three years later he became acting all-college coordinator of Student Teaching; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, during this time, he consulted professionally, especially in the area of evaluation and assessment systems for measuring competence in teaching; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent Arnone's research experience includes his tenure at the Teacher Learning Center at Buffalo State University where he implemented research in interdisciplinary teacher learning curriculum from 1965-1971; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, he was appointed chairman of the Art Education Department and under his leadership, enrollment peaked at 250 students, the largest art education program in the United States at the time; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent Arnone was then named Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities for the college, the esteemed position from which he retired; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his vast accomplishments in higher education, Dr. Vincent Arnone was consultant to the Buffalo Public School System for its School of Visual and Performing Arts in 1976, and assisted in program development and staff selection from 1977-78; he was also on a team of consultants advising the Baltimore, Maryland City Schools on program and curriculum for The School of Arts; and

WHEREAS, The proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Dr. Vincent Arnone received honorable mention for the development of teacher resource materials by the National American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, the late Bette Pierce Arnone, and their four wonderful children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to education in New York State, Dr. Vincent Arnone has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at Buffalo State University and within educational institutions throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, After a renowned career which spanned several decades, Dr. Vincent Arnone leaves behind a legacy to the countless students whose lives he has touched, and to the residents of the Western New York community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Vincent Arnone upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Art Teachers Association on November 17-19, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Vincent Arnone.