

Senate Resolution No. 1810

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING Benjamin Arno upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to Rouses Point Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble volunteer firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Benjamin Arno, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to Rouses Point Fire Department, to be recognized at its Annual Awards Banquet at the American Legion Post 912 in Rouses Point, New York, on Saturday, May 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Arno has been in the fire service and a member of Rouses Point Fire Department for 55 years; he has served as First and Second Fire Chief and Captain of the Department and has also served as Company President and Vice President; currently, he serves as Department Safety Officer; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Arno has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity, and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; he has been a role model to members throughout his entire career since joining Rouses Point Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others, and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; Benjamin Arno is such a firefighter; throughout his years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Benjamin Arno upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to Rouses Point Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Benjamin Arno.