



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James Sanders Jr.

## Sanders' Resolution Recognizing "China Day" Celebrated with Ceremony in Brooklyn

JAMES SANDERS JR. July 23, 2019



Senator James Sanders Jr. (D-Rochdale Village, Far Rockaway), was proud to attend a celebration in Brooklyn on July 20, 2019, recognizing the establishment of China Day.

On June 18, 2019, the New York State Senate passed the resolution (J.2103), introduced by Sanders, recognizing October 1, 2019 as China Day and the first week of October 2019 as Chinese American Heritage Week.

The goal of the resolution is “to strengthen the friendship and bilateral relationship between the State of New York and Chinese Americans.”

“The State of New York and the nation are home to a thriving overseas Chinese community,” Sanders said when he introduced the resolution on the Senate floor. “Their presence is, of course, a positive contribution to our society. The history of America and China goes back a long way. New York and China engaged in trade going back to the 18th Century and both nations were allies during World War II.”

It has been nearly 40 years since the U.S. normalized relations with the People’s Republic of China in 1979 and since then the U.S and the People’s Republic of China have had a constructive engagement through trade, tourism, academia, and cultural affairs, Sanders noted.

“I hope that our two countries will continue this constructive engagement and promote peace and prosperity for the future,” Sanders said. “China is currently our largest trade partner.”

The United States and China share a long-term economic relationship, with \$659.8 billion in bilateral trade in 2018. The State of New York exported \$3.3 billion worth of products to China, making the 8th largest foreign market for the State of New York, and the bilateral trade and investment have created tens of thousands of jobs in the State of New York.