

**BY:** Senator SANDERS

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**WHEREAS,** It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body humbly expresses sincere gratitude to the Chinese government for their thoughtful gift of vital medical equipment to the people of New York City; and

**WHEREAS,** The 2019-2020 coronavirus pandemic is an ongoing pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2); and

**WHEREAS,** During the height of the battle against the novel coronavirus, the Chinese government graciously sent 1,000 lifesaving ventilators to New York City hospitals where thousands of new COVID-19 infections have been confirmed daily; and

**WHEREAS,** As of Saturday, April 4, 2020, 3,565 New Yorkers lost their lives to the coronavirus and the state recorded 113,704 confirmed cases; and

**WHEREAS,** Thanks to Chinese officials, these much-needed machines have alleviated a great deal of pressure on New York City's hospitals, and has helped save the lives of a multitude of people who have suffered and continue to suffer from this deadly disease; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when countries, such as China, of such noble aims are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to express sincere gratitude to the Chinese government for their thoughtful gift of vital medical equipment to the people of New York City.