# Agenda Report



# **Resolution/Award/Presentation**

E.6.

4/23/2024

## Subject:

**Resolution Honoring the Life of Jerry Sansom** 

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Dept/Office:** District 3 Commission Office

#### **Requested Action:**

Board passage of the attached resolution.

#### **Summary Explanation and Background:**

The District 3 office would like to honor the life of Mr. Sansom by recognizing his dedication and contributions to not only our community, but also to fisheries and marine life here in Brevard.

### **Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

Please frame one copy.



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April 24, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner John Tobia, District 3

RE: Item E.6., Resolution Honoring the Life of Jerry Sansom

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 23, 2024, adopted Resolution No. 24-031, honoring the life of Jerry Sansom. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

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Resolution 24 -

#### A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HONORING THE LIFE OF THE LATE JERRY SANSOM

WHEREAS, Jerry H. Sansom was born on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1947, the beginning of a life dedicated to civic engagement and service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry completed an Associate's degree at Pensacola Junior College where he was also a member of the sailing team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sansom went on to attend the elite and fantastic Florida State University, completing a Bachelor's degree in Marine Sciences and also competing on the sailing team; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Sansom completed his formal education at the Florida Institute of Technology with a Master's degree in Science Education in 1972; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion of his final degree, Mr. Sansom quickly dove into a career as a government affairs consultant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sansom has worked in this capacity for many municipalities and government entities including Cocoa, Rockledge, Melbourne, Cape Canaveral, Malabar, Melbourne Beach, Winter Springs, the Canaveral Port Authority, and the Titusville Cocoa Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, Jerry's service extended to private organizations including Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems, Arc of Florida, Florida Aviation Aerospace Alliance, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, SE SATS lab Consortium, and World City America Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sansom's professional life included being the president of JHS Consultants and a partner in the Sansom Group, the owner of Diversified Marine Services Representation and Research for Marine Interests, the owner of Diversified Yacht Services, and a Marine Science and Research Instructor at Satellite Beach High School; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Sansom was a lifelong proponent of fisheries and marine environments; and

WHEREAS, this was embodied in his service as a commissioner representing Brevard County on the Florida Inland Navigation District Board, a member of the South Atlantic Fishery management Council, more than 18 years as a trustee at the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, and more than 44 years as the Executive Director of Organized Fishermen of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sansom's guiding principle in those capacities was to ensure all efforts were biologically sound; and

**WHEREAS**, his impact, effectiveness, and accomplishments are shown by being recognized as a *National Fisherman Highliner* in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Jerry's interests included sailing, flying, and motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Sansom and his wife spent five years living on a 32' wooden ketch with their three cats; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is survived by Dixie Sansom, his wife of more than 50 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** this Board honors and appreciates the lifelong dedication of Jerry Sansom, both his efforts as a government consultant and his commitment to fisheries and marine life.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 23rd day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:

RACHEL SADOFF, CLERK

JASON STEELE, CHAIR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BREVARD COUNTY, FL