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Washington, D.C., attending a national competition, and meeting people from all across the United States; and it was a great experience.

Commissioner Anderson stated he also has certificates for the team members to go along with the Resolution.

The Board adopted Resolution No. 11-157, recognizing the Eau Gallie High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps for winning first place among Air Force JROTC's at the JROTC Tri-Service Leadership and Academic Bowl.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Andy Anderson, Vice Chairman / Commissioner District 5
SECONDER:	Trudie Infantini, Commissioner District 3
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin, Anderson

ITEM II.C., REPORT, RE: CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY FOR JAMES KUZMA

Commissioner Nelson stated he attended the Change of Command ceremony in Port Canaveral for Captain James Kuzma who is being relieved of his command because he is retiring; it welcomed Captain John Hetherington, as the replacement, it was a very touching ceremony, he is looking forward to having Captain Hetherington of the Naval Testing Ordinance Unit come before the Board in the future.

ITEM II.E., REPORT, RE: LETTER RECEIVED FROM BREVARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

Commissioner Bolin stated she and Commissioner Nelson received a letter from Jim Ford, Property Appraiser; and read the letter aloud "I am sending you this letter in response to inaccurate comments that have been made against you and my office. I listened to recent recordings of County Commission Workshops and budget discussion wherein I heard Trudie Infantini repeatedly allege that my office mailed the 2010 TRIM notices late which caused them to reach taxpayers after the 2010 primary election, and that if I had not done so, neither of you would have been re-elected. The mailing of the TRIM notices was not late at all, but in full compliance with the statutory time frame for such mailings, contrary to Trudie Infantini's allegations. I also heard Matt Nye make similar allegations stating that he had been informed that TRIM notices had never traditionally been received by taxpayers after the primary election. These comments about late mailings are not only erroneous but irresponsible unfounded political rhetoric. If Mrs. Infantini and Mr. Nye were well informed or did their research, they would find that the State Legislature changed the election law during the 2007 session wherein the primary election date was changed to be held 10 weeks before the general election to avoid it falling on the Labor Day weekend. Apparently, the Legislature either took no recognition of the fact that, in certain years, the primary election could precede the receipt of TRIM notices, or the Legislature thought such was insignificant since they are only proposed millage rates that can subsequently be lowered. Obviously, that is why this had never happened in the past. Nevertheless, we endeavor to get the TRIM notices mailed as early as feasible. However, if you recall, the Legislature substantially revised the requirements as to the content to be displayed on the 2010 TRIM form. This change required all Property Appraisers to revise their TRIM notices and obtain approval from the Department of Revenue as to those changes. This

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lengthened the process because, in addition to seeking Department of Revenue approval, we also had to change programming, processing, and printing. We could not rush this process because errors on these notices can be very costly if corrections must be made and notices re-mailed. In summary, the issue lies with the change in the primary election date in 2007, together with legislatively mandated changes to the TRIM notice for 2010, and any complaints regarding that should be taken up the Legislature rather than fabricating erroneous conspiracy theories. Sincerely, Jim Ford.

ITEM II.E., REPORT, RE: MISFORMATION CLARIFICATION

Commissioner Bolin stated she has information that she believes is very import for the citizens of Brevard County; and she read aloud "It is very apparent, that during the budget process much misinformation has been spread-out through the County. This misinformation is filled with fiction and not facts, such as this Commission is increasing tax millage way beyond the factual number. Fiction, we are laying off Sheriff's Deputy's; fiction, we are proposing increases, the overall revenue for 2012. The fact is, even with the millage roll back we are proposing operating this County with approximately \$90 million less than last year. Fact, no motion had been made by any Member of this Commission during the budget Workshops, to reduce the County portion of the budget, to reduce the Sheriff's budget, to reduce the Property Appraiser's budget, to reduce the Supervisor of Elections, and to reduce the Clerk of Court's budget. Not one motion of recommendation has been made by any Commissioner during the budget Workshops. We are currently in an economy that is hurting and it is this misinformation that's leading to fueling the increased desperation among our citizens, as each of us knows, the Board of County Commission has a Policy in place, that deals with perceived or actual threats. On Friday, the District 4 office received a phone from an individual displaying the willingness to offer harm and to clearly have harm including death, to be personally due to me and also, to the District 2, Commissioner Nelson due to their views on the budgetary issues. This matter, as necessary and required is reported to the Sheriff's Office and they have opened up an investigation to this important matter. It has been reported that the individual who admitted placing the phone call, had second thoughts regarding the content of that phone call. I believe that each of us on this Board, serve because we believe we have something to offer and that in the end we are all attempting to do the right thing. Lets ensure that we do not fuel anymore desperation with misinformation to misguide the citizens of Brevard County. Thank you Sheriff Parker and his Deputy's, for serving our public, protecting us all from harm, and for addressing these threats.

ITEM II.F., REPORT, RE: CHRISTIANSON LANDING

Commissioner Anderson expressed his thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department because during budget times it gets focused on; stated after 15 years he went back into the boating arena; he has been using Christianson's Landing because it is an outstanding facility; on Sunday his Aide, David Isnardi, was with him, storms rolled in, and there were four open slips, plus two more further to the north, with all of the boats needing to get out the water they were able to get out quickly; and it was pretty amazing to see that many boats getting out of the water so quickly. He stated there were many delays opening the facility, but it serves the purpose of public safety when lightening storms come up. He mentioned a couple of budget meetings ago he was talking about charging .50 a car to get in there; and now that he has seen how important it is for people to get off of the water, and he probably will not be entertaining that idea anymore.

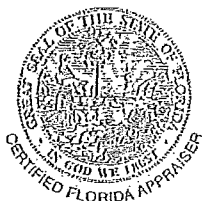
ITEM II.G., REPORT, RE: LETTER SUPPORTING BREVARD COUNTY AS HUBZONE

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Jim Ford
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