

were about to arrest the two men, two more men pulled up from behind and held the agents at gunpoint. They were kidnapped and subsequently murdered by these drug-traffickers in an abandoned shack near the checkpoint.

Upon hearing about the kidnapping, nearly 400 law enforcement officers participated in the search for the missing agents in one of the largest manhunts in Southern California. Eventually, the bodies were found, and all four of the men involved in the crime were later arrested. Two of the men convicted of murder were sentenced to life in prison.

In honor of these two agents, the Commissioner of the Border Patrol presents annually the Newton-Azrak Award to the agent that provides services or accomplishments reflecting unusual courage or bravery in the line of duty. This is the highest award for valor and bravery in the Border Patrol.

This country lost two dedicated law enforcement officers 37 years ago. The deaths of Agent Newton and Agent Azrak are a lasting reminder of the perils our law enforcement officers face each and every day while protecting our nation. I am grateful for their service and dedication to this great nation.

I thank the Speaker for the opportunity to honor the anniversary of the passing of Agents Theodore Newton and George Azrak and recognize the loss suffered by their families. I would also like to recognize all the brave men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol and their family members who, like our military families, have loved ones putting their lives at risk for our security.

**MOURNING THE LOSS OF MYRON DUKES, LAUREN DUKES, CHRISTOPHER DUKES, AND JAUNTRICE DEADMON**

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 17, 2004*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sorrow and sadness to mourn the loss of Myron Dukes, Lauren Dukes, Christopher Dukes and Jauntrice Deadmon, who died yesterday at the Fort Worth Water Gardens while attending the National Baptist Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. This is a profound loss for the Chicago community.

Mr. Myron Dukes, his 8-yr. old daughter Lauren, his 13-yr. old son Christopher, and 11 yr. old Jauntrice, were all members of the Antioch Baptist Church, located in the Englewood community that I represent, the First Congressional District of Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Dukes did what any father would have done: try and save his children from drowning in a deep swirling pool. He made the ultimate sacrifice for his heroic efforts with his life. As we approach Fathers Day, I ask that this Congress and the entire nation join the members of the Antioch Baptist Church in mourning the passing of this loving family. The City of Chicago and the world pray that God will give all the family members strength to endure this horrific tragedy in the coming days, and to know that they lived their lives in the service of our God.

**CLEARWATER NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES TURNS BROWNSFIELDS SITE INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 17, 2004*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to my attention a creative project by the Clearwater, Florida Neighborhood Housing Services which was turned an abandoned and polluted junkyard into an affordable housing site.

This is the type of innovative program that can solve two problems for a local community. First, it cleans up an environmentally dangerous brownfields site and second it provides a source of much needed affordable housing. Through a combined effort between Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services, the city of Clearwater, and the city's Economic Development Department, an 11-year-old junkyard is now the site of two single-family homes.

Mr. Speaker, following my remarks, I will include a story from the June 15, 2004 edition of The Petersburg Times which provides more details about this project with the hope that other cities around the country will use it as a model to clean up abandoned properties and fulfill the dream of homeownership for some fortunate families.

[From the St. Petersburg Times, June 15, 2004]

**VISION, TOIL TURN 'JUNKYARD' INTO NEW HOMES**

(By Lorri Helfand)

CLEARWATER.—A rusted bus was parked on the lot. Scrap wood, tires, auto parts and metal drums were heaped all around. Pesticides, waste oil and hazardous chemicals were stockpiled there, too.

It was a far cry from the American dream. But, over the course of a decade, Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services, the city and environmental protection agencies cleaned up the junkyard and transformed it into a couple of cozy stucco homes with manicured lawns.

The houses in the North Greenwood neighborhood are the first single-family homes built on a brownfields site in the city of Clearwater. Brownfields sites are basically abandoned properties where environmental contamination or potential contamination complicate redevelopment efforts.

"It was a junkyard. I'm happy we're seeing contamination going out and families coming in," said Isay Gulley, president and chief executive of Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services, as she prepared to tour one of the new homes for the first time.

Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services is a nonprofit organization that provides housing and economic development services in Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties. North and South Greenwood are its two target communities.

One house has been sold already to a 38-year-old single mother. The woman, who works as a nursing assistant, asked that she not be identified. But she said that it's a blessing to be able to progress this far and have a home.

A prospective buyer is interested in the other, which will sell for about \$139,000, though nothing has been completed, said Jennifer Smethers, home ownership center manager for Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services.

The buyer will be eligible for up to \$30,000 in down payment assistance from the city, which will not require repayment as long as the owner resides in the home, Smethers said. The buyer also will be eligible for an \$8,000 low-interest loan from Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services.

The three-bedroom, two-bath house is about 1,300 square feet and has a two-car garage. Beige tile lines the foyer and deep sand-colored carpet covers the floors throughout the home. Like all of the projects Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services develops, both houses have refrigerators, dishwashers and stoves.

Neighbor Rhonda Cole, 55, came by to check out the homes, which were showcased as part of National NeighborWorks Week, an event that mobilizes community awareness of the need for affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization efforts. "I think this is wonderful. I think our neighborhood is finally turning around. It's going to be a place where anybody would want to live," she said.

Problems on the site date back to 1993, when it became a junkyard. The city eventually declared a house and a two-story storage building on the lot as unsafe. The home was demolished in 1996. But when demolition began on the storage facility, workers found a mysterious liquid leaking from beneath the garage door. Petroleum, metals, contaminated soils and an underground storage tank with waste oil had to be removed so demolition could continue.

The city forgave about \$38,000 in liens that accumulated with the demolition and efforts to rid the property of hazardous waste on the condition that the owner, Larry Bunting, donate the property to Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services.

The city's Economic Development Department, through the City Brownfield program, provided about \$150,000 in state brownfields monies for environmental assessment and cleanup of the site.

Ground was broken on one of the homes last fall. Construction on the second began a few months later. Both were completed by spring.

Gulley said her nonprofit organization has three goals: housing assistance, economic development and educational opportunities.

The organization has built about 200 affordable houses for low- and moderate-income families within the city since 1991.

"Please know we have accomplished many things but we have a long way to go," Gulley told government officials, business leaders and community members at an event last week to showcase the homes.

Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services is currently planning a small residential subdivision on Tangerine St. and plans to transform a neighborhood bar into a Head Start day care center, ice cream parlor and professional offices, Gulley said.

**SUPPORT OF PASSAGE OF H.R. 4323 AND H. CON. RES. 260**

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 17, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of two bills enacted by the House that will go a long way to helping our troops and providing some comfort and peace of mind to their families.

I was pleased to vote for H.R. 4323, which helps the Department of Defense speed up the delivery of critically important equipment