



Congressman Bud Cramer

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News From Washington

The U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation this month authorizing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin work on improvements along Pinhook Creek in downtown Huntsville. Rep. Cramer and officials from the City of Huntsville have worked with the Corps of Engineers to design and widen the channel bypass along Pinhook Creek as well as remove the railroad bridge that crosses the Creek. *“Once completed, this work will help improve the flow of water throughout Pinhook Creek and increase flood protection for downtown Huntsville,”* said Cramer. [[more](#)]

The House also approved legislation to increase the nation’s involvement in innovative research by providing new grant opportunities and scholarship programs for math and science initiatives. Rep. Cramer has championed math and science programs across North Alabama, including his work to provide funding to start the Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI). He said, *“North Alabama continues to make a tremendous impact on our nation’s science and technology industries. This House-approved legislation will help ensure that our nation continues its investment in these important fields.”* [[more](#)]

Also this month, Rep. Cramer invited General Michael Hayden, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), to address members of the Huntsville-Madison County and Decatur-Morgan County Chambers of Commerce. Representative Cramer, who is the only member of the Congress to serve on all three Intelligence related panels in the House, commended General Hayden for his efforts to modernize the CIA since becoming the Agency’s 18th Director last year. General Hayden discussed the challenges the intelligence community faces in the global War on Terror. [[more](#)]

Cramer Awarded U.S. Chamber’s “Spirit of Enterprise” Award

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce awarded Representative Cramer with the 2007 “Spirit of Enterprise” Award. The U.S. Chamber recognized Cramer for his support of businesses in Alabama and across America during the second session of the 109th Congress, including his work fighting for tax relief for businesses and family farms, energy independence, expansion of trade, and modernization of the nation’s health information system. Rep. Cramer is an eleven-time recipient of this award. [[more](#)]

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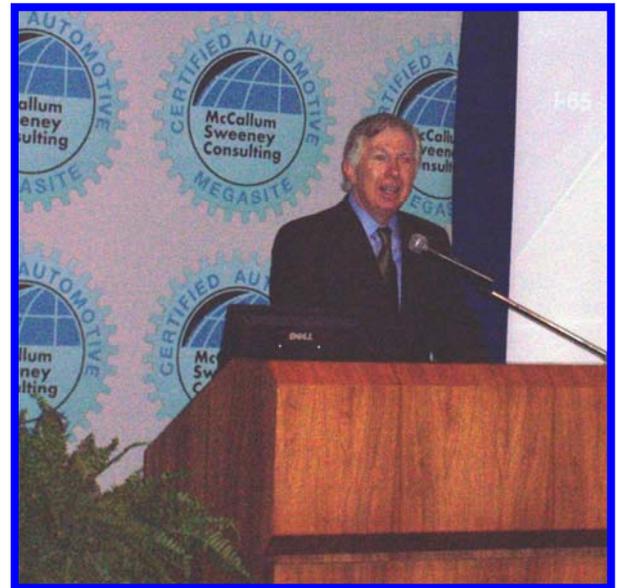
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News From the Fifth District

Representative Cramer joined TVA Chairman Bill Sansom and CEO Tom Kilgore as well as officials from the State of Alabama and Limestone County to announce that property along Interstate 65 in Tanner has been certified as a TVA Megasite. This is the only megasite in the State of Alabama. Rep Cramer, who has encouraged economic development officials to pursue this designation since TVA began the program in 2004, hailed the designation. He said, *“Becoming a TVA megasite puts our community in an even better position to recruit prospective manufacturers by showing them that our community meets the needs of major industry.”* [\[more\]](#)



Representative Cramer also brought together TVA’s Chairman and CEO with some of the elected leaders from Northwest Alabama. Rep. Cramer called the meeting an excellent opportunity for Shoals officials to discuss the Agency’s continued economic development partnership with Northwest Alabama. [\[more\]](#)

Representative Cramer also brought together elected officials and economic development leaders from North Alabama and South Tennessee to further economic efforts throughout the Tennessee Valley. Rep. Cramer hosted this summit with Tennessee Representative Lincoln Davis. It is the second regional summit that Cramer and Davis have hosted. [\[more\]](#)



Finally this month, Representative Cramer joined Madison County and City of Huntsville law enforcement and child advocates to discuss internet safety. Rep. Cramer is pictured on the left with Huntsville Juvenile Investigator Fred Sharp *“Here in North Alabama, our local law enforcement and child advocacy communities partner together to help keep the internet safe from sexual predators,”* said Cramer. *“They are using all available resources and cyber enticement technology to bring online predators to justice to ensure that the internet remains a valuable resource and not a tool for predators to harm our children.”* [\[more\]](#)