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Earlier this month, the entire world was once again shocked by the terrorist attacks in London, England. This cowardly attack is another reminder of the dangerous threats we face in the post September 11th world. I am a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and I serve as the Ranking Democrat on the Intelligence Oversight Subcommittee. My Committee is working to help our intelligence officials become better prepared to defeat the terrorist network. For my part, I will continue to fight for increase funding for our national defense and anti-terrorism programs and advocate for the many hard working people in North Alabama who working daily to assist in the War on Terror.

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Washington Update

This month, Representative Cramer addressed the 2005 Tennessee Valley Corridor National Summit in Washington. The Tennessee Valley Corridor is an alliance of community, business, education and government leaders. Cramer has played an active leadership role in the Summit for many years and has hosted the Summit in Huntsville in 2000 and 2003. In his address, Cramer advocated for continued regional cooperation to strengthen the Corridor's economic development efforts. "State lines are artificial barriers to economic development, he said. "We have a strong team of leaders in the Corridor who understand that by working together, there is much more that we can accomplish."



Representative Cramer announced this month that the U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation that authorizes a total of \$33.4 billion for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and its programs. Specifically, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005 fully endorses the Agency's space exploration vision. It also directs NASA to carry out a balanced set of programs in human space flight, space science, earth science, and aeronautics. The legislation also recognizes the importance of returning the Shuttle to flight, authorizes funding for a shuttle mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope, and directs NASA to develop management plans for its facilities and personnel.

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District Update

Earlier this month, Cramer presented \$315,000 from the Fiscal Year 2005 Omnibus to officials from Sci-Quest this month. This funding will be used to support on-going educational activities at the center. In recent years, Representative Cramer and Senator Shelby have fought to secure over \$6 million for Sci-Quest through the Appropriations process.

Pictured on the right, Representative Cramer presented officials from the City of Decatur and the Princess Theater Center for the Performing Arts with \$72,000 for renovations to the Theater. The funding was included in the Fiscal Year 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. Since Fiscal Year 2001, Cramer has secured \$322,750 for the theater's restoration efforts. Cramer said, "Over the years, the Princess has developed a unique character and is a source of great pride for many of us in the community. I'm pleased to work with the community to help save this historic landmark."



Representative Cramer also visited Lawrence County this month to present \$500,000 for the Bankhead Water Forest project. Residents that live in the Bankhead Forest region have relied on domestic wells for their water supply. These wells rarely produce a dependable supply of water and most residents have to bring in potable water from other communities. Lawrence County has been developing the Bankhead Forest Water project over the past ten years. Cramer also secured an additional \$100,000 for the project in FY 2004.

Representative Cramer also presented \$121,250 this month for renovations to Ivy Green, the birthplace of Helen Keller. "Growing up in North Alabama, we are all aware of Helen's story and no one is prouder of her legacy than we are," said Cramer. "Thousands of people visit Ivy Green each year to see first hand where Anne Sullivan taught Helen her first words. Unfortunately, like many other historic structures, Ivy Green is in need of repair. I'm pleased to help the community's efforts to preserve this site for future generations."



Pictured on the left, Representative Cramer paid tribute to North Alabama's servicemen and women this month during a ceremony proclaiming the week of August 18th as "Armed Services Week" in North Alabama. Cramer joined Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) and local officials from across North Alabama to honor and thank the servicemembers for their commitment to our national defense.

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