



Congressman Bud Cramer

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This month, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on legislation that would designate the following counties in Northwest Alabama as a National Heritage Areas: Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone and Morgan. I originally introduced this legislation last year and it passed the House of Representatives in October. This Senate hearing means that the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area is one step closer in the legislative process to becoming a reality.

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News From Washington

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce recently awarded Representative Cramer with the 2008 "Spirit of Enterprise" Award. The U.S. Chamber recognized Cramer for his support of businesses in Alabama and across America during the first session of the 110th Congress, including his work involving trade, insurance, regulation of foreign investment, and infrastructure improvement. Rep. Cramer is an twelve-time recipient of this award.

News From the Fifth District

This month, Representative Cramer helped break ground for the construction of the third phase of the Von Braun Complex at Redstone Arsenal. Once completed, this 750,000 square foot complex will boast more than 2,600 employees and it will be the focal point for the nation's missile defense efforts.

"The Missile Defense Agency is a great asset to North Alabama and to our country. I am proud that MDA has worked hand-in-hand with our local community to ensure that our National Missile Defense is operating efficiently," Cramer said. "The work MDA accomplishes here in Huntsville has helped the United States establish a defensive shield capable of countering the most pressing long and short range threats we currently face."

HudsonAlpha Grand Opening



On April 24, Representative Cramer attended the grand opening of the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology. While touring the facility, Rep. Cramer interacted with students from Jackson County's Stevenson Middle School, and with Madison's Liberty Middle School and Boaz Middle School, who participated via distance learning satellite. Rep. Cramer observed the students as they extracted DNA from strawberries, one of the many hands-on experiments for students to participate in while visiting HudsonAlpha.

"With this new facility, HudsonAlpha will lead in scientific education by sponsoring hands-on, research-based programs for students and educators," Cramer said. "I believe that the Institute will be a welcomed addition to the solid scientific and research community already in place throughout Alabama."

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