



## Congressman Bud Cramer

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North Alabama has recently welcomed home members of the 1169th Engineering Group, the 128th Military Police Company, and the 152nd Military Police Company following a one-year tour of service in Iraq. I join their family and friends in commending these citizen soldiers on a job well done. I salute them for their service and wish them all the very best during their transition back home.

*Bud Cramer*

### News From Washington

Representative Cramer announced this month that the House approved his proposal to designate the Muscle Shoals region as a National Heritage Area. Representative Cramer has worked with local officials since 2001 to recognize the Shoals region's contributions to the development of the country. The Muscle Shoals Heritage Area was one of six new heritage areas established in the House-passed Celebrating America's Heritage Act.

Cramer said, **“The Shoals region is home to a rich and unique history that has positively impacted the development of the entire country. This month's House action moves us a step closer to bringing much deserved national recognition to the area's contributions.”** [\[more\]](#)

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The House also approved bipartisan legislation cosponsored by Representative Cramer to help doctors and scientists identify the symptoms of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in patients across the country.

This bill, the ALS Registry Act, would establish a national registry of all ALS cases that would provide collective information about the disease to doctors across the country. This will provide additional resources to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of this disease as well as a search for its cure. [\[more\]](#)

### TVA's Bellefonte Nuclear Facility Asks the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for Approval



Representative Cramer joined prominent members from both the House and Senate to announce that the NuStart Energy Consortium and the Tennessee Valley Authority have submitted an application for a Combined Operating License with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the Bellefonte Nuclear Facility in Jackson County. [\[more\]](#)

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## More News From Washington

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Representative Cramer also announced House approval of legislation this month establishing the National Commission on the Prevention of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism.

Cramer explained, **“This bill puts in place a Commission similar to the bipartisan September 11th Commission, and asks members to find new and innovative ways to help prevent domestic threats from occurring within our own borders.”** [\[more\]](#)

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Finally this month, Representative Cramer announced that the House approved legislation ensuring individuals in North Alabama and across the country continue to have tax-free access to the Internet. **“As we continue to find new ways to use the Internet throughout our daily lives, we must ensure that access is accessible and available,”** said Cramer. [\[more\]](#)

## News From the Fifth District

Representative Cramer this month celebrated the opening of a state-of-the-art customer call center and state headquarters for Verizon Wireless with Alabama Governor Bob Riley and officials from Verizon Wireless. This facility, which began operations in September is expected to employ 1,300.

Cramer said, **“There is a reason why successful corporations like Verizon are drawn to our community, the superior quality of our workforce. I applaud Verizon for its confidence in our community and I am proud welcome them to North Alabama.”**

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Representative Cramer also celebrated the opening of a new 15,281 square foot Child Development Center at the Marshall Space Flight Center. Cramer, who is recognized as one of Congress’s leaders in children’s issues, hailed Marshall’s leaders saying, **“This center shows Marshall’s desire to establish a worker-friendly business environment that not only encourages productivity but also takes into consideration the demands of one’s family.”** [\[more\]](#)

## New Video Online!



During consideration of the Celebrating America’s Heritage Act, Representative Cramer spoke on the House floor in support of the legislation as well as the importance of recognizing the Muscle Shoals region’s unique and historic contributions. To view the Congressman’s comments in its entirety, please click on the photo above. [\[Read Video Transcript\]](#)

*Windows Media Player is required to view the video.*