



## Congressman Bud Cramer

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E-Newsletter

This month, North Alabama tragically lost three heroes, Marine Corporal Matthew Conley, and Firemen Lloyd McCulloch and Dustin Jones. Each of these men lost their lives serving in the line of duty. We should always remember these men and honor their selfless acts of courage. My thoughts and prayers are with these brave men's families during this difficult period.

*Bud Cramer*

### Washington Update

This month, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved Howard Thraikill's nomination to serve on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Valley Authority. If confirmed by the full Senate, Mr. Thraikill will be the first Alabamian to serve on the TVA Board since the agency was formed in 1933. Cramer said, "I am pleased that Mr. Thraikill is one step closer to representing Alabama on the Board of TVA."

Also this month, during a hearing of the House Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative Cramer questioned senior defense officials on BRAC military construction funding and efforts to help areas like North Alabama prepare for growth. Cramer is working to ensure that North Alabama and other areas have the funding and federal support they need to continue to meet the demands of their growing populations. This includes upgrading infrastructure, ensuring adequate support services are available, and strengthening education systems in North Alabama. "We need to make sure that our needs are met and that the full scope of construction projects we will need, including day care and firefighter facilities, will get the right level of funding," said Cramer.

### District Update

Pictured on the right, the Northwest Alabama Children's Advocacy Center honored Representative Cramer this month by naming its facility the Cramer Children's Center. Cramer, the founder of the first Children's Advocacy Center, has played a key role in securing almost \$500,000 for the Children's Center since FY 2003.

This month, Representative Bud Cramer joined officials from the Marshall Space Flight Center and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center for the dedication of the Education and Training Facility. The 24,000 sq. foot state-of-the-art facility includes a distance learning center, audiovisual tools, an auditorium, and high-speed internet access. Since, FY 2002, Cramer has worked to help secure a total of \$4 million for the training facility.



Representative Cramer held a news conference this month with Madison County Sheriff Blake Dorning, City of Huntsville Police Chief Rex Reynolds, and City of Madison Police Chief Dan Busken to promote new law enforcement technology and programs being utilized throughout Madison County. Representative Cramer is a member of the House Science, State, Justice, and Commerce (SSJC) Appropriations Subcommittee. His subcommittee is responsible for providing funds to the U.S. Department of Justice and its programs, including programs that support law enforcement officials across the country. Together with Alabama Senator Richard Shelby, Cramer has secured a total of \$2.84 million for law enforcement in Madison County in FY 2005 and 2006.