



Congressman Bud Cramer

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It is difficult to believe that my time in Congress will soon come to a close. After 28 years of public service, it is time for me to step aside, spend more time with my family, and begin another chapter in my life. Serving nine terms in Congress has been an exciting and rewarding experience, and I am proud to have played a part in the growth and development of the entire North Alabama region.

As the 110th Congress comes to an end, I am thankful for the opportunities it has given me to further represent North Alabama during my final term in Congress. My position on the House Appropriations Committee has given North Alabama a voice on one of Congress' most critical Committees, and has allowed me to secure funding for crucial programs such as NASA and Redstone Arsenal, as well as North Alabama economic development projects.

It has been my honor and privilege to represent the people of North Alabama in Washington during these last 18 years. Thank you for the trust you've given me. You can rest assured that, even after my retirement, I will continue to look for every opportunity to help North Alabama.

Bud Cramer

News From Washington

Rep. Cramer and his staff are currently in the process of closing his Washington office due to his retirement from Congress at the end of the current term. While Rep. Cramer will continue to receive e-mails and phone calls through the month of November, he is unable to send a written response.

If you need assistance with a federal issue, please contact one of Alabama's two Senators:

Senator Jeff Sessions

<http://sessions.senate.gov>

Senator Richard Shelby

<http://shelby.senate.gov>

News From the Fifth District

Rep. Cramer is working with Congressman-elect Parker Griffith to ensure a smooth transition for North Alabama. Congressman-elect Griffith will be sworn in on January 6, 2009, when the 111th Congress convenes. While his physical and e-mail addresses will change, the Washington, DC office number will remain the same: (202) 225-4801.

Presidential Inauguration Information



Due to the overwhelming demand for tickets to the 2009 Presidential Inauguration, Rep. Cramer's office is no longer able to accept requests for tickets to the swearing-in ceremony. Congressman-elect Griffith will make decisions on the allocation of these tickets.

For more information about events surrounding the Inauguration on January 20, 2009, please visit the **Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies** (<http://inaugural.senate.gov/>) or the **Office of the President-Elect** (www.change.gov).