



Congressman Bud Cramer

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E-Newsletter

This holiday season, as we gather with our family and friends, we must remember the men and women of our armed services that are away from home. I encourage you to send an email to our troops to thank them for their service and to wish them a safe holiday season. You can email the troops a note of appreciation by visiting the website <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil>. I wish you and your family a happy Holiday Season.

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Washington Update

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Bill on December 8th. This bill includes seven of the thirteen appropriations bills and it provides over \$38 million in funding for projects in North Alabama. The Senate intends to vote on this bill after the holidays, after which it will go to the President for his signature. Cramer said, "North Alabama is already one of the best places to live, work, and raise a family. This funding package will help our community continue to prepare for the future."

On the last legislative day of 2003, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation that will help Americans block unwanted and unsolicited commercial e-mails commonly referred to as SPAM. This legislation makes it a crime, subject to five years in prison, to send SPAM and allows the Federal Trade Commission the ability to vigorously enforce the laws contained in this anti-SPAM bill.

District Update

On December 18th, Congressman Cramer delivered an early Christmas present to the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Huntsville. The Congressman presented a \$275,000 check from the U.S. Department of Justice to Boys and Girls Club CEO Melvin Allen for the organization's six clubs, the Teen Center, and the Learning Center.



On December 19th, Congressman Cramer and officials from Northrop Grumman held a news conference to announce that North Alabama will gain over 500 new jobs through the Missile Defense Agency's Kinetic Energy Interceptor Program. The KEI program is part of the Missile Defense Agency's Ballistic Missile Defense system designed to destroy enemy missiles during their boost/ascent phase of flight. The Northrop Grumman team includes four Huntsville businesses, Northrop Grumman, Davidson Technologies, 3D Research Corporation, and the Schafer Corporation.