



## Congressman Bud Cramer

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This month, the State of Alabama and our nation lost a great heroine with the passing of Rosa Parks. In 1955, her selfless act of courage brought national attention to an unjust system and help lay the foundation for equal rights and opportunities for all Americans. Since her death, thousands of people have paid respect to Mrs. Parks in Montgomery, Washington, and Detroit. I was pleased that Congress honored her by allowing her to lie in repose in the rotunda of U.S. Capitol. In years past, this honor has been given to Presidents, Members of Congress, and Military Commanders. Mrs. Parks is the thirtieth person and the first woman to receive this tribute and the first individual since President Reagan's death in 2004. This is a fitting tribute for Mrs. Parks. Mrs. Parks is an example of how one individual can inspire positive change in our community and across the country. She had a strong influence on all of our lives and will be forever remembered.

*Bud Cramer*

### Washington Update

This month, the U.S. House of Representatives defeated a resolution that would have disapproved the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's recommendations. By law, Congress had forty-five days from the President's approval to reject the report in its entirety or it would become law. Representative Cramer said, "This vote means that the BRAC recommendations are now final. Our community can now focus on welcoming our new neighbors and helping with their transition into our community."

The House this month also approved the conference report for the Fiscal Year 2006 Agriculture Appropriations bill. The final Agriculture bill provides funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and programs supporting farmers, ranchers, and rural America. Representative Cramer, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, included in this legislation \$599,000 for Precision Agriculture Research at the Tennessee Valley Research Center in Belle Mina.

Pictured on the right, Representative Cramer joined officials from the Port of Huntsville this month to break ground on a new 219 foot air traffic control tower at the Huntsville International Airport. Representative Cramer took a lead role with the new tower. He worked with numerous officials in the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, and the Administration to make this project a priority. Cramer also successfully secured \$20.7 million for the construction of the new tower through his seat on the House Appropriations Committee.

### District Update





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### District Update Continued

This month, Representative Cramer held a series of meetings with key economic development officials from across North Alabama. The first meeting took place with Shoals area Mayors and County Commissioners. Representative Cramer met with these officials to discuss the area's economic development efforts and he commended the area's leaders for their collaborative efforts with current prospects.

Cramer also hosted a meeting with the economic development leaders from every county in North Alabama. In addition to discussing a number of ongoing projects, the economic development leaders were given updates on the Base Realignment and Closure Commission report and the Hudson-Alpha Institute for Biotechnology. These two projects, in addition to other ongoing efforts, will play a large role in increasing economic development opportunities throughout all of North Alabama.

Representative Cramer has been personally involved in North Alabama's economic development and business recruitment issues since coming to Congress in 1991. He said, "I believe we are one community in North Alabama and cooperative economic recruitment benefits all areas of the region."

Pictured on the left, Representative Cramer joined U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.), Lieutenant General Henry Obering, and other officials from the U.S. Missile Defense Agency this month to break ground on the second phase of the Von Braun Complex. Once completed, the 230,000 square foot facility will house approximately 1,000 government employees and contractors associated with the U.S. Missile Defense Agency.



Also this month, Representative Cramer helped break ground on a new Nature Center and two-acre Children's Garden at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. Representative Cramer secured \$121,500 for the Botanical Garden in the Fiscal Year 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Bill.

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