



Congressman Bud Cramer

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This month, NASA celebrated its 50th Anniversary. I have the privilege of representing thousands of NASA employees and contractors who work at the Marshall Space Flight Center, and I am proud of their dedication. In honor of NASA, the House passed a well-deserved resolution on July 10 commemorating 50 years of exploration and discovery.

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News From Washington

On July 18, Rep. Cramer announced that the House of Representatives approved legislation authorizing the largest amount of funding for the nation's Intelligence Community. Included in the bill is funding for the Missile and Space Intelligence Center (MSIC), which is located at Redstone Arsenal.

"This edition of the intelligence authorization bill forces the agencies to be more efficient, it forces them to work together, and at the same time it is providing our men and women around this world the resources that they need to do an even better job of protecting us," Cramer said.

News From the Fifth District

This month Rep. Cramer traveled to New York City with a delegation of state and local economic development leaders from the North Alabama Industrial Development Authority (NAIDA). Rep. Cramer makes this trip every year to promote North Alabama's workforce, low cost of living, and unique business environment to site consultants and business executives. These meetings are critical to North Alabama's successful economic development strategy, and will hopefully lead to new companies and new jobs for North Alabama.

For more information on these and other news items, please visit:
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Appropriations Update

Approved last month by the Appropriations Committee:

Homeland Security – Included in this bill is \$90,000 for a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio All Hazards alert system in Jackson County to broadcast forecasts, warnings and emergency information 24 hours a day directly to the public.

Commerce, Justice, Science – Rep. Cramer included funding for Lauderdale County, Scottsboro, Hartselle and Madison County law enforcement agencies to update technology and equipment. Also included in the CJS bill is \$400,000 for the National Children's Advocacy Center to hire and train additional child abuse professionals.

Energy & Water – In this bill, Rep. Cramer secured \$500,000 to support flood control efforts and other improvements along Pinhook Creek in downtown Huntsville. Rep. Cramer, along with Rep. Robert Aderholt (Ala.-04) also secured an additional \$500,000 for the University of North Alabama's "Green Campus Initiative." In last year's FY08 Omnibus, Cramer and Aderholt secured \$984,000 for Phase I of UNA's "Green Campus Initiative."