



Congressman Bud Cramer

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E-Newsletter

I hope that you and your family had a wonderful holiday season and that your new year is off to a great start. On January 23rd, the President signed the FY'04 Omnibus Appropriation Bill into law. This bill provides over \$38 million to projects throughout the 5th district. I will continue to sit on the House Appropriations Committee this year. As a member of this committee, I am in a good position to help meet the needs of North Alabama. I am very excited about this upcoming year in Congress. My colleagues and I will address many issues this year including our nation's security, a new NASA vision, and our continued involvement in Iraq. I am looking forward to these discussions and many more during the upcoming year.

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Washington Update

On January 14th, Congressman Cramer joined President Bush at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. as the President announced a bold new vision for the country's space exploration program. The President wants NASA to concentrate its efforts toward returning humans to the moon and onto Mars. Cramer said, "NASA has been in need of a new vision and I believe that the Marshall Space Flight Center is well positioned for that vision."

District Update

Congressman Cramer joined officials from Limestone County on January 13th for the dedication ceremony of the Binford Turner Water Treatment Plant. The water treatment plant is named after Limestone County resident, the late Binford Turner. Cramer helped secure funding for the construction of this facility. Cramer said, "The ability to provide quality, safe drinking water for our citizens is necessary for this community and it is a matter of public health."

On January 20th, Congressman Cramer joined Major General Larry Dodgen and others from the Alabama federal delegation at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Space and Missile Defense Command's Von Braun Complex. Congressman Cramer helped secure funding for the construction of the complex through his seat on the House Appropriations Committee.



Cramer is joined from left to right by Major Randall Zeegers, Sergeant Major Hubert Chance, Colonel Leonard Kiser, First Sergeant Ron Ellis, and Brigadier General Dallas Fanning.

Congressman Cramer held a news conference with members of North Alabama's National Guardsmen and Reservists on January 13th, to discuss the impact of the War on Terror. In Alabama, 4,341 National Guardsmen and Reservists have been called to active duty. This number includes sixteen North Alabama Army National Guard units, and five North Alabama Army Reserve units. During the news conference, Cramer discussed the different pieces of legislation that Congress passed in 2003 that will benefit these citizen soldiers.