

April is

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Spotlight on: **Robert E. Bud Cramer**



Why we're proud of this individual:

Robert E. (Bud) Cramer Jr. (1947-) is a politician who represented Alabama's Fifth Congressional District for nine terms. Elected in 1990, Cramer held this position until 2008, when he retired from politics. Before serving in Congress, he had been both the assistant district attorney and district attorney in Madison County. Cramer also helped found the National Children's Advocacy Center to assist victims of child abuse. His advocacy has fueled the dramatic growth in these programs and has resulted in more positive outcomes for children. Early in his legislative career, Cramer led the passage of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1992, which provided funding and also helped to solidify institutional and governmental support for CACs. During the past 16 years, Cramer has helped secure more than \$12 million in federal funds for the NCAC and almost \$200 million for child advocacy centers throughout the United States.

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Other Observances in Month:

April 14, 1865— President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth while watching a performance of *Our American Cousin* at Ford's Theater in Washington.

April 4, 1949— Twelve nations signed the treaty creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

April 19, 1995— At 9:02 a.m. , a massive car-bomb explosion destroyed the entire side of a nine story federal building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 persons, including 19 children inside a day care center.

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