

## **Two States Urged To Work as a Team**

About 30 economic development leaders and elected officials from both sides of the Alabama-Tennessee border met in early November to discuss ways to work together on economic efforts.

“More and more we’re looking at economic development issues” regionally, said U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer, D-Huntsville, who hosted the summit in Fayetteville, TN with U.S. Rep. Lincoln Davis, who represents Tennessee’s 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. “Our commerce causes people to zig and zag across the state line. We have a lot of economic issues in common.”

In Tennessee alone, some 5,000 to 6,000 residents of Giles, Franklin and Lincoln counties work in Madison County, Davis said.

With North Alabama and southern Tennessee officials working as a team, “we will be more cohesive and have the same vision of what can happen in this region,” Davis said.