

NORTH STAR PRODUCTIONS

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Representative Carl Gatto
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

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North Star Productions, Inc. is an Alaskan corporation involved in the development and production of stage events and film products. We have been in operation for well over a decade and annually are engaged by the Alaska Veterans Foundation, Inc. to help produce the Veterans Day Concert. This event is now in its seventh year and we will again assist in the production of Nashville North, A Salute to America's Heroes this coming November.

One of our three producers/owners is a disabled veteran and we could qualify for work with various federal agencies, right here in Alaska, if a number of them would agree to meet their 3% goal here in our home state. Unfortunately many have refused or offered various excuses for why they can't.

It is our opinion that the passage of House Joint Resolution 16 will help our cause and that of dozens of veteran owned businesses stay in business in Alaska and begin to grow with the participation of a number of federal agencies who could give us that hand up.

We want to thank you for sponsoring this resolution and hope that it is passed this year so that the congressional oversight hearings we and our Congressional Delegation are supporting to call out those federal agencies who have refused to meet their mandates in Alaska can be exposed.

Please provide a copy of our letter to any other legislators who may have questions about the impact of this resolution.

As the Alaska Veteran Business Alliance has said, this is not only good for Alaska's veterans, it is good for Alaska's economy too.

Would love to see you at our next event,

Ron Holmstrom
Producer