

**As Offered**

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**H. R. No. 445**

**Representative Klopfenstein**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Steve Gerten  
as the 2024 National Land Improvement Contractors Association  
Contractor of the Year.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to applaud Steve Gerten on being  
named the 2024 Contractor of the Year by the National Land Improvement  
Contractors Association; and

WHEREAS, The esteemed owner of Inbody Drainage Co., Inc., and a  
farmer, Steve Gerten has brought his wealth of drainage experience to  
the agriculture industry for more than five decades, and among his  
remarkable professional endeavors, he has supported the Ohio Land  
Improvement Contractors Association as its president and field days  
chair as well as the National Land Improvement Contractors Association  
as its president, region 3 vice president, and board chair. In  
addition, he has actively participated in the Overholt Drainage School  
and its advisory committee, and he has built tremendous relationships  
with the Ohio Farmers Union and Ohio Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, The enthusiasm and commitment Steve Gerten has shown  
through his dedicated efforts have gained him the respect and  
admiration of all those with whom he has been associated. An exemplary  
resident of the Village of Leipsic and the State of Ohio, he has  
worked to conserve local land and water resources, thereby allowing  
area farmers to use responsible practices, and his efforts are  
reflected in his tireless leadership and continual advocacy for the  
success of his community; and

WHEREAS, Steve Gerten can be proud of his instrumental  
contributions to agriculture in our state, and his record of

excellence is deserving of celebration. Indeed, he has upheld the 25  
highest standards and principles of the National Land Improvement 26  
Contractors Association, and his stewardship, vision, and integrity 27  
have certainly distinguished him as worthy of the 2024 Contractor of 28  
the Year Award; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 30  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 31  
congratulate Steve Gerten on this prestigious national accolade and 32  
salute him as a fine Ohioan; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 34  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Steve Gerten. 35