



OHIO SENATE

HONORING LEE PEPION
FOR YOUR ADVOCACY OF MINORITY BUSINESSES

On behalf of the members of the Senate of the 123rd General Assembly of Ohio, we are pleased to congratulate Lee Pepion on receiving the first annual Executive Director's Award from the Northern Ohio Minority Business Council.

You are, indeed, a remarkable individual, for you have combined civic concern and dedication with the utmost professionalism to become a dynamic leader in the Greater Toledo area. The Executive Director's Award is presented to persons who have served the Northern Ohio Minority Business Council throughout the year with advocacy for minority businesses in the region, and this prestigious honor is a fitting tribute to you for your outstanding efforts. President and chief executive officer of The Blackfoot Company and a member of the Toledo Chamber of Commerce, you have certainly distinguished yourself as a conscientious and hard-working Ohioan.

Willingly giving of your time, energy, and abilities far beyond what was required or expected, you have worked tirelessly to better the world around you, and through your tremendous efforts, you have earned the respect and esteem of colleagues and community alike. We are certain that, in the years to come, you will continue to display the same unwavering commitment to professional excellence for which you have been recently honored, and you are truly deserving of high praise.

Thus, with sincere pleasure, we commend you for exemplary achievement and salute you as one of Ohio's finest citizens.



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