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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Robert W. "Rob" Pullen of Naperville, formerly of Niles, who passed away on July 2, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Pullen was born on May 29, 1962, in Oak Lawn; he married Dawn Amendola on September 16, 1988; he was a resident of Naperville since 1988 and was a member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Naperville; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Pullen grew up in Niles, where he was a parishioner and student at Our Lady of Ransom; after graduating from Maine East High School in Park Ridge in 1980, he earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering with an emphasis in physics from the University of Illinois; in 1993, he earned his MBA in management from the Northwestern University Kellogg School of Business; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Pullen served as CEO and President of Tellabs, Inc. and was a member of the company's Board of Directors; after joining the company right out of college in 1985 as an electrical engineer, he worked his way up the corporate ladder to become Chief Executive Officer in 2008 after holding positions in development, sales, marketing, and services; and

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1 WHEREAS, Robert Pullen served as the chairman emeritus of
2 the executive board for the Telecommunications Industry
3 Association and was a former co-chair for SuperComm; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert Pullen excelled at baseball and played as
5 the starting shortstop for the University of Illinois at
6 Urbana-Champaign for 4 years; he coached his son's Naperville
7 Little League Cardinals to win the city championship in 2007;
8 he served as a coach of the Naperville White Sox Travel
9 Baseball Team; he also enjoyed traveling the world, boating,
10 water and snow skiing, snowmobiling, and spending time with his
11 family at their lake house in Green Lake, Wisconsin; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert Pullen was the beloved husband of Dawn; the
13 loving father of Brittany and Brendan Pullen; the devoted son
14 of Robert and Mary Kay Pullen; the dear brother of Jim (Kim)
15 Pullen, Sharon Varco, Jack Pullen, and Mike (Lisa) Pullen; the
16 fond brother-in-law of Keith (Mary) Amendola, Craig (Diane)
17 Amendola, and Krista (Dan Fagan) Amendola; and the adored uncle
18 of 18 wonderful nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 his family and friends, the passing of Robert W. "Rob" Pullen;
22 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Robert Pullen as an expression of
3 our sympathy.