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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, Robert Pullen was born on May 29, 1962, in Oak
6 Lawn to Robert and Mary Kay Pullen; he married Dawn Amendola on
7 September 16, 1988; and

8 WHEREAS, Robert Pullen was a parishioner and student at Our
9 Lady of Ransom in Niles; he graduated from Maine East High
10 School in Park Ridge in 1980; he earned a Bachelor of Science
11 in Electrical Engineering, with an emphasis in Physics, from
12 the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he played
13 4 years as the starting shortstop for the university's baseball
14 team; in 1993, he earned his MBA in management from
15 Northwestern University Kellogg School of Business; and

16 WHEREAS, Rob Pullen joined Tellabs, Inc. in 1985, as an
17 electrical engineer; he worked his way up to become the Chief
18 Executive Officer in 2008, after holding jobs in development,
19 sales, marketing, and services; he reached the position of CEO
20 and President and was a member of the Board of Directors; he
21 served as the chairman emeritus of the executive board for the
22 Telecommunications Industry Association and was a former

1 co-chair of SuperComm; and

2 WHEREAS, Rob Pullen was a member of SS. Peter & Paul
3 Catholic Church in Naperville; he coached soccer, basketball,
4 and baseball, helping children to excel in everything they did;
5 he coached his son Brendan's Naperville Little League Cardinals
6 to win the city championship in 2007, and he coached the
7 Naperville White Sox Travel Baseball Team; he enjoyed traveling
8 the world along with boating, water and snow skiing,
9 snowmobiling, and spending time with his family at their lake
10 house in Green Lake, Wisconsin; and

11 WHEREAS, Robert Pullen is survived by his wife Dawn Pullen;
12 his children, Brittany and Brendan Pullen; his parents, Robert
13 and Mary Kay (nee Nolan) Pullen; his siblings, Jim (Kim)
14 Pullen, Sharon Varco, Jack Pullen, and Mike (Lisa) Pullen; his
15 in-laws, Keith (Mary) Amendola, Craig (Diane) Amendola, and
16 Krista (Dan Fagan) Amendola; and his 18 nieces and nephews;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Robert Pullen, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 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 deepest sympathy.