WEDDING RECEPTION SPEECH

FOR

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Hello everyone! It’s great to see all of you here tonight as we welcome home the “Fernando and Sweta Love and Marriage World Tour.” The other stop was wild and wonderful-love was in the air and the party was all around us, but there’s no place like home- Just ask Hemi and Sammy… and celebrating this great event would not have been the same without each one of you to share this happiness. It’s Fernando’s style to be the life of the party; so obviously, we know this one is going to be a blast!

The Hindu (**Do you prefer to say Indian?)** Prince, Siddhartha, who became known as Buddha, said, “Your work is to discover your work and then with all your heart give yourself to it.” Fernando must have been born with that saying imbedded in his heart-sort of, because as we know, he met the love of his life, the new Mrs. Diaz, while they were both working at Paychex. Probably, like playing “telephone,” through the thousands of years since those words were first said, the meaning got a little shuffled, and Fernando must have thought Buddha said, “Your work is to discover **your soul mate** at work, and then with all of your heart, give yourself to **HER**,” and that’s just what he did! Who could possibly resist that smile, that winning personality, that earnest and steadfast character? Certainly not a beautiful woman like Sweta!! Let’s face it; Fernando knows the art of the sale. First he sold Paychex services and now he’s moved on to selling tee shirts, but the best deal he ever closed was when he sold himself to Sweta! And look how happy they are now!

In Spanish, we have an expression that goes, “Entre lo que existe y lo que no existe, el espacio es el amor,” and what that means is “Between that which exists and that which does not is the space called Love.” I am sure we can all feel that love here tonight, in this entire space, thanks to the joy that Fernando and Sweta have brought to each other, Hemi and Sammy, and to all of us.

Fernando, you’re a great brother and I just know you’ll be a wonderful husband. Sweta, thank you for making my brother so happy and welcome to the family! (**If you want to propose a toast, say**) I’d like to invite all of you to raise your glasses as I propose a toast. (**If you don’t want to propose a toast, then just say**) To Sweta and Fernando, may your lives together be as sweet as flan, as spicy as the best curry, and as colorful and beautiful as both of your heritages combined. Congratulations! We love you!