**MAID OF HONOR SPEECH**

**FOR**

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Hi everyone!! I can’t believe this day has finally arrived!!! It’s so great to see each one of you here to witness and celebrate Faren and Jimmy’s wedding. I also want to welcome all of you that have traveled here to share this great day for our family, and whether you’re friends or work acquaintances, school buddies or neighbors, today we’re all related in sharing one overwhelming and common bond, and that is joy for our “lovebirds”. Although in many ways Faren is still my “little sister,” I’m sure that today all of you will agree that my “little sis” has grown up…. and what a revelation it is to see this gorgeous, stylish, hip and trendy vision giving us “total bridal realness!!” You are a living breathing testimony to all of the hard work you’ve done in the past…. from your determined power shopping to tireless trend research to Olympian skills at putting yourself together, I bet every female in this room is inspired to "up their game" or get some tips from you.... You're like our very own Huffpost Style!! You are truly your own best endorsement! I once saw a tee shirt with a simple slogan that I believe is really your truth in life. It said, “Each morning I wake up and I thank G-d for my ability to accessorize”… and there you have it!!! And of course, nothing says “best accessory” like a gorgeous, wonderful and **HANDY** husband…. I know that on any other day, the two of you really make a great team the way you "complete" each other, but today? All of that love and those COMPLIMENTS for both of you … they must be flowing like crazy! You’re both fabulous!! Jimmy, I’m sure you’re really proud of all of Faren’s talents but be afraid… be very, VERY afraid…. she’s just beginning… and I know that the two of you have been together long enough for you to know how determined she can be… You thought this wedding took military-like precision planning??? This was only PRACTICE for when she decorates the new house from top to bottom!!! I also hope there was a really comprehensive tool kit on one of those bridal registries for you!!! Get ready to roll up your sleeves! The store is next!!

Heidi Klum once said, “I was the little sister that was annoying.” DUH. I BET it would have been REALLY annoying to have Heidi Klum as a sister!! But Faren, I had you!! Although when we were younger, we weren’t that close, as we’ve grown up, I’m so happy that one of my closest friends shares my DNA. And whether we were super close or not, I remember how my friends and I always got such a kick out of your joyful interpretive dancing … on top of my dressers, might I add, to Alanis Morrisette… and that’s NO small accomplishment… let's just hope there isn't any ra-a--aaaain on **THIS** wedding day!!! Please, **PLEASE DONT GET UP ON THE TABLE and** dance!! I mean think of it… Faren, it’s a sign of your incredible spirit that you always seem to find fun and joy even in the weirdest places and strangest moments- and even as a kid you goofed around in style and my friends and I really appreciated the show.

And as the old show tune goes… “Never were there such devoted sisters….”

“I would like to invite all of you to raise your glasses as I propose a toast.”

(To) Faren and Jimmy, here’s to a lifetime of health, happiness, prosperity, humor, **FABULOUS STYLE***, and* many, MANY years of family and togetherness. We can't wait to meet the next generation of trendsetting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ‘s (**their last name)**.... My future nieces and nephews!! The pressure will be on for all of us to come up with astounding baby fashions...Time to start the shopping research now!!We love you! Congratulations!!