**14499, Ram Puppala**

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen

Thank you all for joining us to celebrate our son Rohan’s graduation from high school. We are so proud of him. He has done very well in high school and will be attending John Hopkins for his undergraduate studies. As hard as it is to know that he is leaving the nest to go to college, this will at least be good practice for when our youngest graduates and moves out.

Rohan was always such a happy go lucky kid. Some kids tend to be moody or even cranky, but never Rohan. Being in a bad mood was rare for him. He has always cared very much for his family. His little brother Tarun has always been his favorite. Every family has pet names for one another and we are no different. Over the years we have called him by many nick names "wild child", "big red dog and "bubbly bear". Each of these represents his positive caring attitude for others as well as his tendency to get easily distracted with things. He just might be a little bit ADHD, if you know what I mean.

In case you didn’t know it he is stand-up comedian, caretaker and peacemaker in the family. But at the same that he is keeping the peach, he has knack for silently starting the trouble and getting his little brother all worked up. When he is in the house, there is always something going on. He has great sense of humor and presence of mind which keeps us laughing all the time and lighten up the days stress. His mom may disagree with that but then moms tend to be somewhat prejudiced, aren’t they?

I still remember him as a baby who enjoyed stacking up cars, zooming around the house on his tricycle and doing standup comedy shows. Now, he is all grown-up zooming around the town in car, and still doing standup comedy shows. The only difference is that now he is ready to go to college.

Rohan works very hard and has always very done well in all his activities, including school, baseball or golf. I always believed that he has great talent, attitude and aptitude to go do bigger and better things. With that in mind I've always pushed him to take extra step to realize his full potential. I don't think he liked me asking him to take that extra step all the time. I remember him asking why he had to work so hard and reminding him how much potential he had. I wanted him to become all he could and to live a satisfied, fulfilling life. He knows his strengths and weaknesses and I believe he has good goals planned out for his life and his career. He has learned his lessons well to this point and I believe he will continue to do so.

Rohan, it is my hope that you will learn with same energy and enthusiasm you showed as a child, and work hard to make an impact on your community. I’m really proud of you, your achievements and wish you good luck for things to come.

Thank you Everyone, now please enjoy the evening.