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Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

I want to thank all of you for being here with us tonight for this very special occasion, the rehearsal dinner for the marriage of our son David and his fiancée Danielle. I especially want to welcome Danielle’s parents and her sister to the family. We have loved Danielle from the start and are thrilled to have you all join our family. I also want to extend a very special welcome to my mother-in-law who is age 95 and still going strong.

David is one of our two children and he has a great relationship with our daughter, Dori. They have the advantage of living close together in Chicago, while my wife and I live in Minneapolis. Obviously, we are very proud of our son and think he is amazing. David just graduated last week with an MBA in business from Kellogg (Northwestern Business School) and will be starting a new job with a private equity firm in Chicago in August. We have been very excited about his accomplishments since he was a very young child.

To begin with, David has a way with people. He’s friendly, he’s kind, and he’s compassionate, but he’s also funny and driven. As a child, David won his first car in a putting contest before he had his license at age 15. At age 10 David was on a baseball team and wasn't a very good player. He told us "I might not be good in the outfield but I sure am fun in the dugout". At age 11, he spoke at his Cousin Heidi's wedding and the mother of the groom said she was convinced he was going to be a state senator one day. One thing that stands out with David, he loves and appreciates the finer things in life, so choosing Daniele was no exception. She is a perfect fit; they complement each other well.

As a parent, it was always so heartwarming to be referred to as David's parents. The professionals David interacted with over the years have all told us they have no doubt David will be successful. He is a "mensch". David demonstrates the same fun loving spirited attitude that my parents possessed. Everyone loved my parents and it is heartwarming to still hear stories about them from people even though they have been gone for over 20 years. We wish that same legacy for David. David also has the strength and tenacity of my wife's parents who are Holocaust survivors. Her experiences and her strength of character have had a profound impact on our children's lives.

David’s beautiful bride Danielle, is bright, beautiful and highly accomplished. After she graduated from Wash University she moved to Minneapolis to work for General Mills without knowing a lot people. The Jewish Family and Children's Service created NexGen, a new board of young professionals and Danielle became a member and officer of the Board. Our son, David, also joined the Board where the two of them met. Danielle’s goal was to work for a non-profit and she is currently working for Feeding America in Chicago as a marketing manager. Danielle is the perfect complement to David. She has an air of confidence and sophistication that people appreciate and gravitate towards. She has a great sense of humor and is always very positive. Danielle challenges David. She is strong, bright and graceful-our friends predicted they would get married the first time they saw them together. In our recent family trip to Galapagos Islands Danielle showed herself to be enthusiastic and interested in experiencing every activity and everything life can offer. She is completely unaffected, unpretentious and genuine.

My wife and I have been married 34 years. We have a wonderful marriage and we wish the same for our children. We feel one of the keys to a successful marriage is to respect and support one another in good times and bad. Life is complicated and it can get messy. It is important to recognize that your spouse is there to rise you up in bad times and share and relish the goods times. We see those attributes in David and Danielle and wish for them to always feel that love and respect for one another.

David and Danielle, please accept our best wishes for a future filled with love and respect and joy and harmony. We love you both very much.

Thank you