MAID OF HONOR SPEECH

FOR

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Hi everyone!!! It’s so great to be here at Virginia and Anthony’s wedding… for so many reasons! It’s an incredible celebration… beautiful people… great food… gorgeous wedding party- if I must say so myself! …But really… I’m humbled and proud to be the Maid of Honor…. and … Let’s face it… It’s great to party with family!! Yep, that’s right… today I have the privilege of wearing many hats at this wedding… (**If you want to make a joke you can say**), I guess you can think of me a kind of “Human Swiss Army Knife…” cousin…. friend… guest… bridal party attendant! (**Wait for the laugh**). (**Name Virginia’s immediate family**) I would like to wish special congratulations to my Aunt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Uncle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, my cousins \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (**if they are alive name your grandparents if you want**) our Grandma \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Grandpa \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(If you want to make another light hearted comment you can say**) This is so great… I know all of the names!! (**And wait for the laugh**)…and of course we all want to welcome Anthony to the family…. Anthony…. I’m sure you know it’s been said that if you can shake the family tree hard enough, all of the nuts will fall out and hit the ground… Not here Anthony, not **US**!! We ***hold on***!! … To everything!! But then again, I’m sure you already realized that!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

How did Virginia and I meet? Actually, I have no idea!! We’ve been in each other’s lives since the very beginning… for as long as we both can remember. We grew up together… and only two doors… or houses… separated us. (**If you want to make a joke you can mention the neighbors in the house in between your two hoses and say**) … which was great for us… built in best friends when we needed each other the most…however think of the poor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ family in between us. Virginia and I … back and forth from her house to mine and mine to hers…. back and forth… I swear we wore a dent in the sidewalk!! Every day after school I would go to Virginia’s house to hang out and play (**Name 2 or 3 of your favorite games or toys**). Our Barbie’s got a real workout!! And what about our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?? And every Sunday we’d go to Grandma’s and stay the whole day. We would really enjoy each other, the family, and especially Grandma’s cooking!! And how much fun did I have crashing your sleep over parties??? Uh…. **LOTS**!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Those were the days, weren’t they Virginia? Back then it didn’t seem extraordinary… it didn’t seem too special… but now as I get older I can really appreciate the family bond we all have. Having a close knit loving family is a real blessing and I am so thankful that we’re both important parts of this one. And by the way… that bond was something we shared proudly and sometimes identically.… thanks to my mother!!! Do you remember how she would dress us up in matching outfits to go to take pictures with the Easter Bunny at the mall? I think I once heard that after our visit one year he had to go to the eye doctor… he thought he was seeing double! Kidding!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Oh and… thanks Mom!! And who knew, way back then, that my “Easter Twin” would grow into this incredible, beautiful, vivacious, funny and poised young woman? Oh wait… I forgot… It’s in the genes!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

A lot of time has passed since those days and we’ve grown up and gone on to experience new adventures and conquer the world in our own unique ways… and some of those times we shared those journeys… like when we would take those great trips around the US and to Europe. (**Name 2 or 3 highlights of trips you** **took**). Will you every forget that time in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? Or how about in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_??? We really have made incredible memories together. Those times stay with me and always will, and so will the memories we are all making together today at your wedding.

And now a new chapter begins as Anthony joins the family and new and special moments are made. I’m sure I speak for everyone here when I say that we wish you more happiness than you two can hold, more partnership and love than you’ll ever want or need, a lifetime of togetherness and wonderful family remembrances, and maybe someday, if we’re all really lucky…. we’ll get to see the ***next*** generation of wonderful cousin/friends put on their matching Easter outfits ready to confound the Easter Bunny in the mall of the future!! Congratulations Virginal and Anthony!! Here’s to family, love, health and happiness! Thank you!!