WEDDING SPEECH

FOR

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Hello everyone. For those of you that may not know, I am Sadiq and I would like to say a few words for our bride, Therese, and our groom, my cousin Shiraan. Weddings are a time for celebration, good wishes, and acknowledgements. I am sure that there are several people that want to stand up and say a few words of congratulations, but first I want to say that I am honored to speak here today. I want to extend my very best wishes and very special thanks to my Aunt, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Uncle, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . You two are very special to me and I am so happy for your good fortune and newly extended family…. of course I am referring to the newlyweds. Shiraan, your parents are very proud of you and I know how much you love and respect them.

I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate Shiraan’s older brother, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Shiraan, it is wonderful to see how close the two of you are. Although that is not always the case with brothers, you two have a great brotherhood and a wonderful bond of friendship.

Therese and Shiraan, there are lots of “secrets” to a happy marriage, but two people that are as close and as in love as the two of you will find your own special formula for success. You have taken a very big step by marrying and now you will learn more than you ever imagined. The first few months or year will be the “honeymoon,” and then you will learn what it really means to be married. Remember, “Happy is the man who finds a true friend, and far happier is he who finds that true friend in his wife.” It’s wonderful that you have discovered such a deep bond with each other and as you continue on this voyage of life and marriage may you keep finding new heights of closeness, love and respect.

Therese, we want to warmly welcome you to the family and we want to let you know that we are so happy that you and Shiraan have found each other. Shiraan has always been a hard working and dedicated man, and to take this major step with you is a real gift to our family. To see the passion and admiration that the two of you share reinforces how special you both are. You’re a beautiful couple and clearly are meant to be together. On behalf of Shiraan I would like to congratulate Therese’s parents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Shiraan is delighted to have joined such a fine family and he is so happy that you are now his in-laws! It is clear that you two are very special… after all, you raised Therese! (**Name any brothers and sister of Therese if any**). And to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, welcome to our newly extended family. Thank you for raising such a beautiful daughter, loving sister, and throughout their lives may the bride and groom know love, health, and happiness.

My Aunt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Uncle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are already so proud of their son and this is another step that makes them even more proud and hopeful for the future. Being able to see that Shiraan has grown to be honorable and hard working is a blessing for any parent and as you, Shiraan mark this major milestone in your life, they are even happier for you!! Aunt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Uncle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ warmly welcome Therese to our family and they are thrilled to have a new daughter.

It is an honor for the bride and groom to both have such wonderful and loving parents as the four of you (**Name Therese’s mother and father and then name Shiraan’s mother and father)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Individually you have raised two honorable and devoted young people who literally would not be here without your guidance, love, attention and care. It is clear when we look at our bride and groom that they come from strong and dedicated families, and that is what they will create together as they look towards the future.

I would also like to thank (**Name the host of the wedding**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for making this such a beautiful event. This evening truly celebrates Shiraan and Therese’s love. To all of the guests that are here, each one of you plays an important part in our bride and groom’s life and it is an honor to share this happiness with you.

Every culture has its own way of blessing the union of a man and his bride, but they basically bear the same wishes. With that, I would like to share my own blessing for Therese and Shiraan:

May you be each other’s shelter in the storm;

Each other’s echo in laughter,

Each other’s warmth in the cold.

May you have a wonderful life together, one that is nourishing and kind,

Respectful and fruitful, with health, happiness and prosperity.

Congratulations!

(**If you want to invite others to get up and speak, you can do that here and ask to stand up one at a time to say a few words**)

I would now like to invite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to say a few words of congratulations to our bride and groom. Thank you all!