**15547, Hermilo Jazmines**

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am excited tonight to be able to celebrate my 70th birthday with everyone. I am thankful that God has blessed with a wonderful family. First there is my beautiful wife Lydia with whom I have shared 45 years of marriage. I am also thankful for our children and their families, Paul with his wife Rebecca Welte Jazmines and their children Isabella and Jacob, and Melissa (Missy) with her husband Billy Heintz and their children Will, Amelia and Eleanor.

I have some extended family who I want to thank for travelling so far to join us tonight. Josie came from Hong Kong, Tess and Ralph Smith are here from West Virginia, The Sidotti family is here from New York, Heather and Scott came from New Jersey, Jason Smith’s family came from North Carolina, and my sisters-in-law Raffy and Nancy Castro and their family, Pete and Connie Montemayor with their family and Susan Palomo with her family.

I think we all have adopted family and I want to thank them for coming tonight as well. These include my colleagues and friends John and Amy Tunanidas, Al Smith, Dick and Jeannie Nissenbaum, Nick and Beth Abid, Dean Wochner, and Ravi and Traci Ferguson. They are from Tampa where I worked on my 2nd career in Medical Management since 2006. Last, but not least, I want to thank my wife and I want to thank our former classmates in Medical School, and my closest friends during my 27 years in private practice doing OB-GYN work, delivering over 3000 babies. I know you’ll understand when I can’t name everyone separately.

I am who I am today because of the influence of all of my family and friends, and I count all of you as my closest friends. I was raised and taught conservative values and to trust in God first by the Benedictines in primary school and the Dominicans in college. That foundation led me in my career as well as my personal relationships. My wife has been the most important person in my life and she with our children, their spouses and our grandchildren have given me great joy and a reason for living.

I am very thankful for my accomplishments in life beginning with graduating from medical school, and later earning a Master’s Degree in Health Services in Business Administration. That degree helped me develop my 2nd career as a Senior Medical Director in a Health Plan (WellCare Health Plans) after I retired from private practice in 2003. I am truly blessed with great family and friends, but I’m also blessed to still have good physical and mental health and I plan to continue to work as long as that is true.

Thank you being here tonight to share this milestone birthday with me