**WEDDING SPEECH**

**FOR**

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Hello everyone!!! my wife Jenny and I want to thank all of you for being here and for being able to share this joyous occasion. Weddings are always special. They hold meaning and significance. Weddings symbolize optimism for the future, the strength of family, the power of friendship, and most of all, we are reminded that love really does conquer all. Today... this moment... is the result of expressions of love, creativity, respect, and determination, and here we are! Today also acknowledges the power of faith... Angie and Wyatt celebrate that faith in each other and in their relationship, and today, we celebrate with them.

While there are many important people that we wish could have been here in person, we all know that these extraordinary times in which we live tend to impose limitations to logistics, however, we **KNOW**, in our hearts, that people across the country and even around the world, are with us in spirit, sharing our joy at this very moment. Angie’s brothers, Hubert and Matthew, his wife, Hillary, and, of course, Carissa... are, I’m sure, celebrating “virtually” in their respective homes. Angie’s Aunt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who was supposed to be here, all the way from Taiwan, serves a new purpose.... she is spreading this joy globally!!!

To Wyatt’s family, Nicole and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**name the father**), we want to welcome you to Massachusetts and we want to thank you for raising such a wonderful son.... it’s great to finally be with you and all of Wyatt’s brothers and sisters and we congratulate all of you!!

Angie, ever since you were born, you’ve been a wonderful, bright light in our lives. We waited a while to finally have a daughter... we got to practice on your older brothers, so **THAT** was helpful... (**Wait for the laugh**)... and from the start, we realized that the Taiwanese proverb was true... you have always been our “pearl in the palm.” You’re our priceless gem... our precious gift from God. Even though you always knew you were the apple of our eye... our youngest.... our little girl... and Heaven **KNOWS**, you could have taken that idea and run with it and allowed yourself to be a real “princess, what makes you even more precious is that you **DIDN’T**...while you could have been spoiled, you weren’t... at least **I DON’T THINK SO**... Wyatt, any thoughts??? (**Wait for the laugh**). I saw a little girl grow into a fine young woman... one who is bright and studious, caring and compassionate, considerate, respectful, shy, and modest.... let’s hope she’s **still** modest after **THIS** speech!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

Jenny and I have always had confidence in our daughter, so we knew, when the time came, she would choose a life partner who was aligned with her humanity, faith, and outlook on life.... Angie, you didn’t disappoint!!! I remember the first time we met **OUR** son-in-law.... it was in your sophomore year at Williams College. There was a gathering of a group of friends from church and it seemed that Wyatt was the organizer of the event. Although the two of you were not yet “officially dating,” I remember I was impressed by this young man....he was kind and polite, seemed to have everything under control, and best of all.... those chicken legs he made!!! Angie, we knew you were smart.... your mom and I are so happy that you eventually figured out he’s a real **KEEPER**!!! Wyatt, I want to officially welcome you to the Lin family and let you know that we look forward sharing many wonderful, momentous times with the two of you.

Angie and Wyatt, I’ve done a lot of thinking over the past few months. I cannot believe my little girl is now a married woman... It reminds me of the song lyrics.... “Is this the little girl I carried?? ... When did she get to be a beauty???? ... **SWIFTLY** flow the days... “ so swiftly... it reminded me that fathers tend to have advice for their children.... like I said earlier, your mother and I practiced on your brothers and although you two seem to have great insight into what makes a relationship work, please know that we will always be there for the two of you... to help through the challenging times... to celebrate the joyous times... to share some chicken legs... (**Wait for the laugh)**...just remember... love is a **verb**...it takes action on both parts to keep it going.. Honor God in your relationship, and honor one another as you would honor God. Remember to have faith that He is watching over you...

I’d like to invite all of you to raise a glass as I propose a toast...

To Angie and Wyatt... Here’s to a life filled with love and companionship, good fortune and great health, unbreakable respect and partnership, and more than you might ever wish for. Congratulations! We love you!! Thank you all.