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To: Rothmond Tero

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Mr. Tero, this is an event where everyone wishes Joaquin well for his very dedicated, dual, career. People will be in a celebratory frame of mind and wanting to share their happiness for him.

Once you are introduced, pause for the room to quiet down just a little before you begin. Wait until most all are looking in your direction. Bring the microphone to the level of your voice, do not bend over into it. The microphone will have adjustments, so take a moment, and adjust, there is no rush. Do not tap the microphone. If it screeches or has feedback, move it just a bit farther away from your face.

If you have notes, keep them on a surface where you can see them, but don't bring them up where they block your face. Try and make eye contact with everyone as you speak, especially Joaquin. If that proves difficult, then pick a fixed spot at the back of the room, such as a door, window, or picture. Then focus on that as you speak. That will give the impression you are looking at everyone individually and be more relaxing to you.

Speak slowly, take your time, this is your best friend. Speak and talk as if you were having a conversation with Joaquin and a few other people in a smaller room. There is no rush, they are there to see Joaquin and hear from you.

Make copies of your speech for any notes or additions, then practice your

speech at least three times before the event. One of those three should be as close to the event as possible. As you practice, either stand or sit as you will be during the event.

Begin:

"Good evening, everyone, welcome, welcome! As I look out here tonight, I see so many familiar friends and associates who I know. But for the few I have not had the pleasure to meet, my name is Rothmond, and I am very pleased to be your host this evening. I want to thank everyone for joining us here in Lyndhurst, to recognize a man who is celebrating the conclusion of a very significant, professional chapter of his life.

We're gathered here tonight at the San Carlo, where the Melone Family has been hosting parties and ceremonies since 1948. I want to thank the Melones, their banquet managers, and their staff for taking such good care of us on this special occasion.

The tradition and history of accomplishment of the San Carlo is the perfect setting to recognize a man for his accomplishments throughout a long and hardworking life. An honorable man, a family man, and a man of multiple professions. Please, along with me, (gesture towards where Joaquin is sitting), welcome someone I have been honored to know for three decades, my best friend, and our retiring guest of honor, JOAQUIN CORONEL.

(Pause for just a moment for any applause)

And a special welcome to his family, parents, brothers, his good friends, as well as his medical colleagues: the physicians, respiratory therapists, registered nurses, and others from University Hospital and its affiliates.

I truly understand the significance of this transition in Joaquin's life, because I am also retired.

This celebration for Joaquin gives me the opportunity to tell a story. A story of a man with a plan and a dream. A plan to become educated as well as a dream to make his parents and family proud.

It all began back when Joaquin was in high school and played varsity basketball at Sacred Heart, in our birth-country of the Philippines. Joaquin then attended The University of San Carlos, Philippines, earning a degree in civil engineering in 1988. During those years we met briefly when we both

played basketball for different teams. Joaquin then came to the United States and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, where he earned his Respiratory Care certification in 1997.

But, let's go back just a bit: We've all heard the term 'Small World', and 'Fate', and they are both true. Because two guys who met briefly in the 1980s playing college hoops in the Philippines, **were then a decade later in the 1990s**, halfway around the globe, working in the same hospital, working in the same respiratory therapist department, and **playing hoops on the same basketball team, called the Ventilators!** It truly is a small world.

In those years we began as working colleagues, then over time during breaks and off hours, we soon developed a deep friendship and bond to the point of being the best of friends. **And as that friendship grew in the 1990s, so did our passion and skill for basketball.** There is a legend throughout University Hospital, a sports legend. And that legend is the Respiratory Department Basketball Team from those years in the mid-1990s. Joaquin and I were teammates on the Ventilators, we played hard for the Ventilators, and we were so excited to be part of that winning squad when the Ventilators won the Championship back in the mid-1990s. Joaquin and I remember that championship as if it were yesterday.

Over that time, Joaquin never lost his desire to learn and achieve. He went on to Middlesex County College earning an Associate Degree in Network and Systems Administration. **At that time both of us were still ready for new knowledge, so I suggested to Joaquin that he and I both go to nursing school.** That did not go over well with our boss, our boss was not a happy camper, because our boss did not want to lose excellent respiratory therapists. For personal reasons I was unable to finish nursing school, but **Joaquin** attended Excelsior College and Thomas Edison State University, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Registered Nursing.

Joaquin is a man of values and a gentleman who believes in common sense, fair play, and treating everyone with dignity. He is softspoken and courteous. He has provided for his family, he has made his parents and brothers proud, and he is a distinguished member of our Philippine-American Community. And to my family, we are so pleased that he is the godfather to our twins.

As a respiratory therapist and later an Intervention Radiology Registered Nurse, Joaquin had the ability to recognize the unique needs of his patients, as well as being sensitive to their anxieties and concerns. He was an

important factor in their recuperation, and because of his empathy, was genuinely liked by everyone in his care.

As far as the field of medicine, these past two years have been like no other we have ever experienced. The global challenges that have come before us have been overwhelming. The volume of those affected has exceeded our wildest estimates. This adversity has gone on longer than we would have ever imagined. Yet as medical professionals we responded, we regrouped, we worked tirelessly, and we succeeded in helping so many thousands of human beings. Everyone here tonight, including our guest of honor, has been involved in this effort, and everyone here tonight should be proud of their commitment to helping others in these times of unprecedented challenge to global wellbeing.

(Pause)

The years have passed, and now we are retired. But we still love basketball, we still love the game. I must admit now our three-pointers are more air than net. (Laughter). Now we prefer half-court games, so we don't have to stop and bend over and catch our breath, (Laughter). And now the only dunking we do is at Starbucks. (Laughter).

I want to be the first here tonight to admit that I am truly going to miss working with Joaquin, not only as a colleague, but because he is my best friend. I am very sure our friendship will continue to have a special place in both of our lives.

(Look at Joaquin), We are all confident Joaquin that whatever you do in the future, you will be successful, as well as touch the hearts of all those in your life.

Joaquin, you will truly be missed, "*Para sa: salamat kaibigan*"....."*thank you my friend*".

(Pause)

Everyone please enjoy the rest of your evening, and later please travel safely to your destinations.

Goodnight!"

(The End)