**12095, Kailee Wong**
Mario’s Wedding Speech

Welcome Everyone. I want to thank you all for joining Mario and Courtney and baby Gia, for their very special day. I feel so honored to be standing here on this magnificent beach honoring this beautiful couple. Can you believe the setting we are in now? No couple deserves it more than Mario and Courtney.

I want to personally thank Mario and Courtney for picking this destination wedding. Being a father of 4 young ones I really appreciate being able to look cool and bring my family here and disguise it both as a Christmas present and family vacation. (pause)

For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Kailee Wong and I am honored to be Mario’s best man and brother! Technically I am his brother-in-law since I married his sister (my beautiful bride Marissa) 11 years ago.

For me, brother-in-law doesn’t quite fit because of the love and appreciation I have for Mario. He has become such an important part of our family’s life. You see, Marissa and Mario lovingly remind me that I have OCS (only child syndrome) because I am “only a child.” (pause)

As a kid all I ever wanted was a brother, mainly so I could have someone to play sports with, to have adventures with, and to compete against. From the first time I met Mario I learned that having a brother was everything I ever dreamed of. At the time I had no idea how much more there was.

Competition has driven most of my life. So I was relieved when I was introduced to the Lopez family and quickly learned that no matter how competitive I was, there was always someone (as I point to Mario) who wanted to win just a little bit more than me.

From the moment I met my bride Marissa, it was clear that much of what defined her as a person was the relationship that she shared with her brother. Mario has created a feeling of security for Marissa. She knew that he would always be there for her and as My brother he has always been there for me too. He is the kind of brother or sibling that Marissa and I are trying to raise our children to become.

No matter how successful Mario has become or how busy he gets, he is still the same person….a big kid that always puts family first.

I’ve learned a few things from Mario:

-Having a meal an hour before a big a meal is like a warm up

-Whether you sit down to a meal that is sushi, Italian, Mexican, or Thanksgiving dinner, always just throw up your arms and say “when in Rome” to totally justify the gluttony that is about to occur

-When playing board games with Mario, just because a rule isn’t in the rules book doesn’t mean it is not a rule that you are going to be playing by

-When throwing a party, it doesn’t matter what theme it is, you gotta play 80’s

-Never give up, no matter what the record is. Mario is still convinced the Chargers can win the Superbowl

Courtney is a beautiful, witty and talented woman who does, and always has, kept Mario on his toes. From their first date Courtney has always been very much Mario’s equal. That date didn’t go very well. Mario had to resort to stalking in order to get a second date with her. That’s what makes this relationship work so well. They know each other well; they understand what works between them; and they have created a family to share a very special life.

Courtney (looking at her), I have known Mario for 13 years and from the moment he met you, you captured his heart and he got serious with you, fast. Somehow he just knew you were the one for him. He was ready to move to the next level in life and you were the perfect partner for the journey. As long as I have known him I have never seen him as happy and as excited about his future as since he met you. He beams whenever he talks about Gia (gigi manos) your beautiful daughter, when he talks about you as family, and when he talks about you as a wife and baby mama.

On behalf of Mario and Courtney, I would like to thank all of the guests here for sharing in this special day. I wish you both all the happiness in the world and may your love endure the good times and bad, building your marriage into a force that even Hollywood can’t mess with. If you would….let’s all please stand and raise your glasses, here’s to the new Mr. and Mrs. Mario Lopez. Salud!