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Remarks by Mr. Ed Sharr on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter, Kelly, to Steven [groom’s last name].

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hello there, everybody. my name’s ed sharr, but AS YOU KNOW, most folks call me “coach.” i am the proud and doting father of [pointing to kelly] that gorgeous and talented and accomplished young women over there: my dear, sweet daughter, kelly, WHO, I CAN ASSURE YOU, IS ABSOLUTELY AS BEAUTIFUL ON THE INSIDE AS SHE IS ON THE OUTSIDE.

i’m so grateful to all of you for joining us AT this joyful event, and i’d like to give a special shout-out OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION to [first and last names of steven’s parents] and their guests for helping us celebrate steven and kelly’s nuptuals. [TO STEVENS PARENTS] YOU’VE RAISED A WONDERFUL SON, [FIRST NAMES OF STEVEN’S PARENTS] AND I’M ENORMOUSLY PROUD THAT HE’S NOW BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY, AS WELL.

now, any of you fathers out there who’ve walked a daughter down the aisle at her wedding knows the temendous mish-mosh of emotions every father goes through at a time like this. on the one hand, you’re faced with the stark reality that you’re finally and irrevocably losing your little girl, and there’s a certain sadness to this that only a father can know. of course, she’ll never stop being, at least in your mind, “daddy’s little girl.” but now she’s “all growed up,” as they say, a woman in her own right and a beautiful blushing bride.

on the other hand, you couldn’t possibly be *happier* than you are on this day, BECAUSE you realize that your little girl’s marrying the man of her dreams, a man you’ve come to know and love and appreciate as a man of substance, who loves and cherishes your

daughter truly and deeply, just as you’d hoped and PRAYED her husband would do. and gaining such a wonderful son-in-law as steven [goom’s last name] makes me happier than i could possibly express.

I MUST TELL YOU ALL THAT IT WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST BLESSINGS OF MY LIFE FOR GOD TO HAVE ALLOWED ME TO BE KELLY’S FATHER FOR THESE PAST 25 YEARS. [TO KELLY] I’M SO PROUD OF YOU, MY DARLING, AND I KNOW THAT GRAMMA AND GRAMPA SHARR WOULD BE PROUD OF YOU, TOO. I LOVE YOU AS MUCH AT THIS MOMENT AS I DID THE MOMENT YOU WERE BORN. AND I COULDN’T AGREE MORE WITH THE OLD IRISH PROVERB THAT SAYS: “NO MAN EVER WORE A CRAVAT AT HIS COLLAR AS NICE AS HIS CHILD’S ARMS AROUND HIS NECK.”

NOW, AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, I’VE BEEN INVOLVED IN ATHLETICS DARNED NEAR ALL MY LIFE, MOSTLY

BASKETBALL. I’VE BEEN A HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS COACH AND A COLLEGE HOOPS COACH, AND NOW I’M A BASKETBALL TRAINER. YOU MIGHT EXPECT, OF COURSE, THAT A BOY GROWING UP IN THIS KIND OF ENVIRONMENT WOULD NATURALLY BE DRAWN TO ATHLETICS, TOO, BUT A GIRL, MAYBE NOT SO MUCH. YET, I’M PROUD TO SAY, THAT KELLY ACTUALLY *DID* FOLLOW IN HER DAD’S FOOTSTEPS AND BECAME A FINE BASKETBALL PLAYER IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND THEN SHE HERSELF WENT ON TO COACH COLLEGE HOOPS FOR A FEW YEARS, AS WELL. NOW SHE’S TEACHING PRE-KINDERGARTEN KIDS . . . LOVES HER JOB . . . AND STILL LOVES TO WORK OUT.

[PLEASE INSERT A FEW WORDS ABOUT STEVEN HERE — FOR EXAMPLE, HIS COLLEGE MAJOR, HIS PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION, HIS HOBBIES, HIS NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THINGS YOU’VE DONE TOGETHER, AND SO ON. I THINK THIS WOULD BALANCE YOUR SPEECH OUT NICELY AND WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY BOTH STEVEN, HIS PARENTS, AND HIS FRIENDS WHO MIGHT BE IN ATTENDANCE.]

I COULDN’ BE MORE THRILLED HERE THIS [AFERNOON/ EVENING]. I’M TOTALLY CONVINCED THAT THE LOVE AFFAIR BETWEEN KELLY AND STEVEN WAS A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN, AND SO I’D LIKE TO END MY REMARKS WITH THIS IRISH TOAST TO MY DEAR, SWEET DAUGHTER AND MY NEW SON-IN-LAW:

[RAISING A GLASS TOWARD THE BRIDE AND GROOM] MAY YOUR LOVE BE ADDED, AND MAY IT NEVER BE SUBTRACTED. MAY YOUR HOUSEHOLD MULTIPLY AND MAY YOUR HEARTS NEVER BE DIVIDED. MAY YOUR GRASS ALWAYS BE GREEN AND YOUR SKIES FOREVER BLUE. MAY YOU LIVE AS LONG AS YOU WANT AND NEVER WANT FOR AS LONG AS YOU LIVE. MAY GOD BLESS THE IRISH AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

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