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**“BEING THERE FOR EACH OTHER IS WHAT IT’S ABOUT.”**

*~Lydia Castellanos (Middle), whose sister Anita will soon marry her partner, Lydia.*

*Anita and Lydia are getting legally married, vowing to care for each other “in sickness and in health.” Lydia took care of my sister when she was sick in the hospital, and that’s when I really understood what an important part of our family Lydia is.*

*Because that’s what you do for your loved ones: You take care of each other when times are hard, and you share life’s joys together. In our family and in our culture, that’s important. Their marriage is a commitment to each other, and to family. I want them to know that I will be there for them.*

**STRONG COMMITMENTS. STRONG FAMILIES.**



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