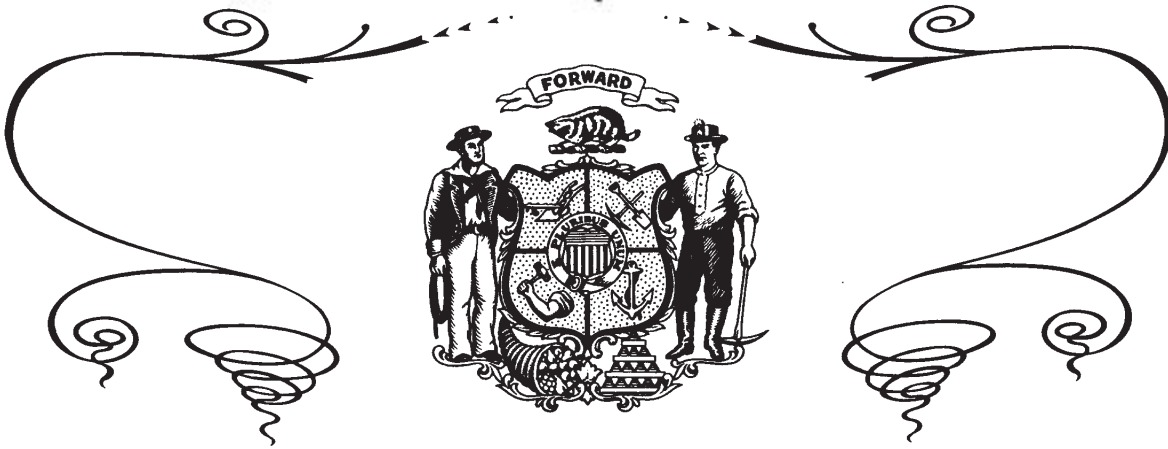


# State of Wisconsin



2005 Assembly Joint Resolution 26

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** commending Ignacio Contreras' courage and determination to overcome the challenges as he faces, most notably his fight against cancer.

Whereas, Ignacio Contreras, is a 12-year-old boy that endures the challenges of his new life in the United States as a bilingual student; and

Whereas, Ignacio came to the United States with his family in the year 2000 and is living with his parents, Carlos and Margarita, and his 3 brothers, Carlos Jr., Alejandro, and Richard, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Ignacio's father, Carlos Contreras, works in construction to support his family, who has little medical insurance and struggles financially; and

Whereas, Ignacio is currently attending Vieau School, a Milwaukee Public School; and

Whereas, Ignacio was faced with his first challenge of having to learn a language and he was determined to overcome it, by becoming bilingual within a year and one-half; and

Whereas, Ignacio quickly gained confidence in English; he entered and won a Christmas card contest for the Milwaukee Brewers baseball team in 2002, and his design was used for its annual Christmas card; and

Whereas, in September 2004, Ignacio was faced with his most difficult challenge; he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, a form of cancer; and

Whereas, Ignacio soon began chemotherapy, then radiation, and, during the treatment and procedures, Ignacio, at times, translated between the doctors and his parents; and

Whereas, this experience became the basis for an essay contest Ignacio wrote for the National Association of Bilingual Education; and

Whereas, Ignacio's essay, which stressed the importance of being bilingual and the opportunities that were opened up for being able to speak 2 languages, won him first place in the middle school contest; and

Whereas, Ignacio was flown to San Antonio, Texas, in January with his mother, Margarita, and bilingual teacher, Ms. Gloria Franco, to receive his national award of \$1,500 for educational supplies and materials; and

Whereas, Ignacio began his next phase of treatment of radiation after he returned from receiving his award; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend Ignacio's courage and determination to overcome the challenges as he faces, most notably his fight against cancer; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Ignacio's father and mother, Carlos and Margarita Contreras.

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Senator Alan J. Lasee  
President of the Senate

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Representative John G. Gard  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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Patrick E. Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk