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TRENTON RESIDENT ELATED WITH 2011 DALLAS COWBOYS SEASON TICKETS WON IN TEXAS LOTTERY® DRAWING

(Austin) –To hear Cynthia Blount of Trenton tell it, she could not be happier than she is after winning a pair of 2011 Dallas Cowboys season tickets that resulted from a Texas Lottery[®] *Dallas Cowboys* second-chance drawing.

"It's awesome," Blount said. "When I talked to the woman from the Lottery who gave me the news, I couldn't stop screaming and smiling. In fact, I was hoarse for two days after getting the news. This is the best feeling ever!"

A life-long fan of the Cowboys, Blount says her parents also felt the same way. "My dad was a big fan as far back as I can remember, and my mother went to school with Don Meredith's brother, so we talked about the Cowboys a lot when I was growing up. My son encouraged me to send in my two non-winning scratch-offs to the drawing. Because he was so persuasive, he will receive a set of tickets to attend a game next year."

Blount told Texas Lottery officials she is not a regular player, buying only the occasional ticket. "I never win, but you have to play to win. How else would I have these season tickets? To me, *Dallas Cowboys* is really a special ticket."

"Our winner is right, *Dallas Cowboys* is a special ticket and you do have to play to win," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. "Ms. Blount won the tickets in the second-chance drawing that took place September 21. We've got four more scheduled, and there will be 20 winners of season tickets per drawing."

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