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### FIVE PROVES LUCKY FOR GROVETON RESIDENT

(**AUSTIN**) – Move over seven, there's a new lucky number in Groveton. Local resident Robinette J. Ibañez paid \$5 for a *Red Hot 5's* scratch-off ticket from the Texas Lottery<sup>®</sup> and claimed the fifth top prize of \$50,000.

"I'm still in shock. We still don't believe it," said Ibañez. "This is the answer to our prayers."

Despite their emotional win, Ibañez and her husband have kept cool heads about their plans for the money. They will use it to help their son finish law school.

"While the coincidence of so many fives coming together in this win is remarkable, it is also noteworthy that the family plans to use the money toward an educational goal," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Anthony J. Sadberry. "After all, the Texas Lottery's main goal is supporting education through the Foundation School Fund."

#### (Texas Lottery Commission, News Release, continued)

After two months of sales, only three top prizes remain in the *Red Hot* 5's instant game. Overall odds of winning are one in 3.9, including breakeven prizes.

Ibañez purchased her ticket from Papa Keith's Market & Deli, located at 3722 State Highway 19 in Riverside.

Tonight's *Mega Millions*<sup>®</sup> jackpot is worth an estimated \$32 million. Tomorrow's *Lotto Texas*<sup>®</sup> jackpot is worth an estimated \$13 million.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Web site at http://www.txlottery.org.

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The Texas Lottery supports Texas education.

**Note to Editors:** A photograph of Robinette J. Ibañez in JPEG format is available by contacting Robyn Smith at (512)344-5477 or Robyn.Smith@lottery.state.tx.us.