



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, October 29, 2009

CONTACT: Robyn Smith, 512-344-5477
Media Relations, 512-344-5131

SECOND MERRY MILLIONAIRE TOP PRIZE CLAIMED



(Austin) – Lorena resident Nola Braziel claimed the second of three \$1 million top prizes in the Texas Lottery® scratch-off game, *Merry Millionaire*. She purchased her ticket from the Troy Exxon located at 4 N. Central Ave. in Troy. The store is eligible for a \$10,000 retailer bonus for selling the winning ticket.

The \$20 *Merry Millionaire* ticket was introduced earlier this month as part of the Texas Lottery’s suite of holiday scratch-offs. Other seasonal games include *Happy Holidays*, *Jingle Jumbo Bucks*, *Snow Dough*, *Sparkling 7’s*, *Stocking Stuffer* and *Winter Winnings*.

“Each year, we work to develop fun and exciting holiday-themed games for our players,” said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief. “This holiday season, as always, we encourage our customers to enjoy Texas Lottery games responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win, and players must be at least 18 years old to purchase a ticket.”

(more)

(Texas Lottery Commission, News Release, continued)

Merry Millionaire features total prizes exceeding \$30 million, including more than 59,000 prizes of \$100 or more. Players can win up to 25 times on each ticket. One top prize worth \$1 million remains unclaimed, and overall odds of winning any *Merry Millionaire* prize are one in 3.04, including break-even prizes.

This claimant requested minimal publicity.

Tomorrow's *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$40 million. Saturday's *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$6 million.

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

###

Note to Editors: A *Merry Millionaire* graphic in jpg format is available by contacting Robyn Smith at 512-344-5477 or robyn.smith@lottery.state.tx.us.