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### **POWERBALL® JACKPOT CLIMBS TO \$250 MILLION** ***Lucky Texan wins \$1 million second-tier prize***

(AUSTIN) – With no tickets matching all five numbers and the *Powerball* number from Saturday’s drawing, Texans now have an opportunity to play for tonight’s *Powerball*® jackpot worth a quarter-billion dollars. This is the highest advertised jackpot since June 2010 when the estimated grand/jackpot prize reached \$260 million, and it offers the sixth highest cash value in *Powerball* history, \$156 million.

“Texans are excited about this jackpot and large cash prize,” said Texas Lottery Executive Director Gary Grief. “This is what *Powerball* is all about- bigger jackpots, better odds and more chances to win \$1 million.”

Ronald E. Wolfe of Houston was made a millionaire when he matched the first five numbers in last Wednesday’s drawing and won *Powerball*’s second-tier prize of \$1 million. Wolfe purchased his winning ticket at the Circle S Food Store #2 located at 12222 FM 529 in Houston.

The Texas Lottery® set a new record last week with its highest sales for *Powerball* and *Power Play*®. For the week ending Feb. 4, *Powerball* sales were \$6,186,774, and *Power Play* sales were \$672,146, for a combined total of \$6,858,920. The previous record for Texas Lottery *Powerball* sales in a single week was set during the run up to the Oct. 29, 2011 drawing when the estimated grand/jackpot prizes were \$173 million and \$203 million. That week generated a total sale of \$5,798,561 for *Powerball* and *Power Play*.

Texas Lottery players have until 9 p.m. to purchase their *Powerball* tickets for tonight’s drawing, which will be broadcast at 10:12 p.m. CST.

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Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$19 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$37 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed nearly \$14 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*, *Mega Millions*®, *Lotto Texas*®, *Texas Two Step*®, *Pick 3*™, *Daily 4*™, *Cash Five*® and scratch-offs. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit **[www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org)**.

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