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Hebbronville Retailer Gets \$150,000 Bonus For Selling Jackpot-Winning *Lotto Texas*[™] Ticket

(Austin, October 27) - Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Reagan E. Greer today presented a ceremonial check to the lottery retail owner who sold the jackpot-winning ticket for the \$15 million *Lotto Texas*[™] drawing on August 20.

Alfonso "Pancho" Montalvo, owner of Fandango's Food Store, was on hand for the ceremony with his wife, Diana. The bonus is \$150,000, which is one percent of the advertised \$15 million jackpot.

"We're very excited that our store sold the winning ticket and glad that someone from our town is the winner," said Diana Montalvo. "We are going to give a percentage of the bonus to our employees who work so hard for us."

The winning ticket was one of five Quick Picks that long-time employee Aminta Arredondo sold to long-time customer, Benjamin Morales. As general partner of the Five Morales Brothers, Ltd., Morales claimed the \$8.78 million Cash Value Option prize for the trust on September 5.

"This jackpot is one that has a lot of people sharing the winning experience," said Reagan E. Greer, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "Fandango's is a great example of a retailer who has an ongoing relationship with their lottery customers and recognizes what an important role their employees play."

Pancho Montalvo has sold Texas Lottery® tickets since the 'Games of Texas' started back in 1992. He knew it was just a matter of time until his store sold a jackpot-winning ticket.

"This puts Hebbronville on the *Lotto Texas* map," said Greer.

Hebbronville, with a population of approximately 4,500, is located 56 miles east of Laredo.

The winning numbers were 4, 11, 14, 36, 41, and the Bonus Ball number was 25.

Wednesday's *Lotto Texas* jackpot is an estimated \$18 million.

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