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Houston Resident Collects \$42 Million Cash Value Option *Lotto Texas*™ Prize

(Austin, February 19) - Heliodoro Cuenca of Houston today came to Texas Lottery® headquarters to collect a prize of \$42.8 million, the Cash Value Option amount of the jackpot for the January 31 *Lotto Texas*™ drawing. The advertised jackpot was \$70 million.

"This is one of the biggest jackpots in a long time, and we're happy to present it to Mr. Cuenca," said Texas Lottery Commission Reagan E. Greer. "*Lotto Texas* has a loyal core following and Mr. Cuenca seems to be one of those players. His loyalty has paid off handsomely."

Cuenca purchased his Quick Pick ticket at the Corner Stop, 11580 Chimney Rock Road in Houston. The winning numbers were 43-18-20-38-16, and the bonus ball was 43.

For selling the jackpot-winning ticket, the Corner Store is eligible to receive a bonus of one percent of the advertised jackpot, capped at \$500,000.

The jackpot for Saturday's *Lotto Texas* drawing is an estimated \$10 million.

Friday's *Mega Millions*™ jackpot is \$222 million, a record for any Texas Lottery game.

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