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HOUSTON RESIDENT CLAIMS LOTTO TEXAS® JACKPOT ADVERTISED AT \$30 MILLION FOR MARCH 9 DRAWING

(Austin) – E J Williford of Houston today collected a *Lotto Texas*® cash-value-option jackpot worth \$19.3 million advertised at \$30 million for the drawing on March 9.

The Houston store where the winner bought the Quick Pick ticket, Amber Food Mart, 802 Highway 6 South, has already received its retailer bonus equal to one percent of the advertised jackpot, \$300,000. The numbers selected in the March 9 drawing were 53-29-46-28-2-6.

“You can’t win it if you don’t play,” Williford said.

“This is the 530th *Lotto Texas* jackpot awarded since sales of the game began in November of 1992,” said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. “*Lotto Texas* was our first jackpot-driven game, and it continues to generate revenue to support the Foundation School Fund and public education in Texas.”

The new winner requested minimal publicity.

Tonight’s *Lotto Texas* jackpot is an estimated \$9 million, and the *Powerball*® jackpot is an estimated \$65 million. Friday’s *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$27 million. More information about the Texas Lottery® is on the official website, www.txlottery.org.

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Note to Editors: There are no periods after the initials of the winner’s name.