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## Houston Retailer Receives \$40,000 Bonus For Selling \$4 Million *Lotto Texas* Jackpot-Winning Ticket



Valero Energy Corp Merchandiser Robby Sabban, Annita Leffall of GTECH, Store Manager Soo Kong, René McCoy of the Texas Lottery, Valero Energy Corp Zone Manager Ernie Park and Linda Saenz of GTECH pose with the \$40,000 ceremonial retailer bonus check.

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(Austin, October 17) - Representatives of a Houston retail outlet today received a bonus prize for selling the \$4 million *Lotto Texas* jackpot winner for the drawing on July 17.

Texas Lottery Commission Marketing Specialist René McCoy presented a ceremonial retailer check of \$40,000 to Ernie Park, zone manager of Valero Energy Corporation's Diamond Shamrock Stop N Go #2393, as a bonus for selling the ticket. Park's sales zone includes Harris county.

The Diamond Shamrock Stop N Go store, located at 5838 Westheimer Road, received \$40,000 retailer bonus. The company has already paid each of the store employees an equal portion of 10 percent of the retailer bonus.

"I'm very pleased to present this bonus check of \$40,000 to Mr. Park," McCoy said. "Our retailers are the vital link between the Lottery and its players. Giving away a jackpot bonus is how we tell our retailers how much we appreciate them and all they do to keep the 'Games of Texas' fun and exciting for our players. Congratulations to you and all your employees for a job well done."

The Diamond Shamrock Stop N Go sold the winning ticket to RS Trust of Houston, who won \$4 million. The winner chose the annuity option and will receive \$160,000 for 25 years.

"As the largest retailer of lottery tickets in the state of Texas, I am happy to receive this check on behalf of Valero Energy Corporation's retail stores from the Texas Lottery Commission," said Park. "This bonus means a lot to our store employees who will continue to provide our customers with fast, efficient service," he added.

The Texas Lottery pays a bonus to any *Lotto* retailer who sells a 6-of-6 jackpot winning ticket, in accordance with Lottery

procedures. The retailer bonus equals one percent of the jackpot won by the customer, not to exceed \$500,000 per drawing.

From January 1 through the 16th of October, 2002, nine Houston-area retailers have sold a six-of-six *Lotto Texas* jackpot winner. The Texas Lottery Commission has paid a total of \$1,040,000 in retailer bonuses to the outlets that sold those tickets.

The jackpot for Saturday's *Lotto Texas* drawing is an estimated \$7 million.

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The Texas Lottery, the 4th largest selling lottery in North America, is "Focusing on the Future of Education, One Ticket At A Time." By providing the 'Games of Texas' for more than 10 years, the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) has generated more than \$10 billion for the state and paid nearly \$17 billion to players in prizes. For more information about the TLC, please visit the official website at <http://www.txlottery.org>