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TEXAS LOTTERY MARKS 25th YEAR WITH ANNIVERSARY SCRATCH TICKET

(AUSTIN) – The Texas Lottery announced today that it has launched an anniversary scratch ticket to commemorate its 25th year.

“Over the past 25 years, the Texas Lottery has generated \$26 billion in revenue for the state including total contributions of \$20 billion for public education and \$77 million for Texas veterans,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. “Those numbers are certainly something to celebrate and we look forward to another 25 years.”

In recognition of the Lottery’s anniversary, the Texas House of Representatives adopted House Resolution 403, filed by Representative John Kuempel, which commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Texas Lottery.

The Texas Lottery was launched on May 29, 1992, when the first ticket was purchased by Gov. Ann Richards at Polk’s Feed Store in Oak Hill. Richards had previously signed House Bill 54 on Aug. 26, 1991, creating the Texas Lottery. On Nov. 5 of the same year, Texas voters approved the Lottery by a two-to-one margin. In its first 24 hours, the Lottery set a world record for first day sales when Texans purchased 23.2 million tickets. The Lottery’s start-up costs, with interest, were earned back during the first three hours of ticket sales.

When the Texas Lottery began, *Lone Star Millions* was the only game in town. Today, players can choose from a variety of approximately 90 scratch tickets and eight draw games, including *Powerball*[®], *Mega Millions*[®], *Lotto Texas*[®], *Texas Two Step*[®], *Pick 3*[™], *Daily 4*[™], *Cash Five*[®], *All or Nothing*[™] and *Texas Triple Chance*[™]. Texas Lottery products are now sold by more than 17,000 retailers across the state and fiscal year 2016 was the 13th consecutive year that the Texas Lottery generated more than \$1 billion in revenue for Texas.

Editors/News Directors, note: An image of the 25th Anniversary scratch ticket is attached in JPEG format. Video of former Gov. Ann Richards purchasing the first Texas Lottery ticket is available on the Texas Lottery’s YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKnpjZCGqXI>

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About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$26 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$50 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$20 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](#). Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$77 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball[®], Mega Millions[®], Lotto Texas[®], All or Nothing[™], Texas Two Step[®], Pick 3[™], Daily 4[™], Cash Five[®], Texas Triple Chance[™] and scratch ticket games. For more information, visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

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