

## RETAIL VENTURES, INC. REPORTS OCTOBER SALES

Columbus, Ohio --/ November 3/PR Newswire/-- Retail Ventures, Inc. (NYSE:RVI) announced today total sales for the four weeks ended October 29, 2005, increased 12.4% to \$260.6 million from \$231.8 million for the four weeks ended October 30, 2004. The company's same store sales increased 6.7% for the four week period.

Total sales for the thirty-nine weeks ended October 29, 2005, increased 5.8% to \$2.09 billion from \$1.98 billion for the thirty-nine weeks ended October 30, 2004. The company's same store sales decreased 0.9% for the thirty-nine week period.

Retail sales statistics are as follows:

	Four weeks ended (\$ in thousands)			
	October 29, 2005		October 30, 2004*	
	\$	%	\$	%
<b>Total Sales</b>				
Value City Department Stores	\$112,901	43.3	\$107,385	46.3
DSW	112,625	43.2	93,527	40.4
Filene's Basement	35,089	13.5	30,903	13.3
	<b>\$260,615</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>\$231,815</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Comparable Sales Percentage</b>				
Value City Department Stores		5.7%		(5.6)%
DSW		8.9%		6.7 %
Filene's Basement		4.0%		6.0 %
		6.7%		(0.2)%

	Thirty-nine weeks ended (\$ in thousands)			
	October 29, 2005		October 30, 2004*	
	\$	%	\$	%
<b>Total Sales</b>				
Value City Department Stores	\$954,312	45.6	\$1,005,762	50.8
DSW	860,257	41.1	729,407	36.9
Filene's Basement	278,311	13.3	242,523	12.3
	<b>\$2,092,880</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>\$1,977,692</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Comparable Sales Percentage</b>				
Value City Department Stores		(4.6)%		(4.9)%
DSW		3.7 %		4.7 %
Filene's Basement		1.9 %		6.4 %
		(0.9)%		(0.7)%

\*Business segments were realigned at the beginning of fiscal 2005 to reflect how the company establishes strategic goals and manages the business. The realignment resulted in the Filene's Basement shoe business being included within the DSW segment. The fiscal 2004 presentation has been restated to conform with this realignment.

Retail Ventures, Inc. is a leading off-price retailer currently operating 114 Value City Department Stores in the Midwest, mid-Atlantic and southeastern U.S., 27 Filene's Basement Stores in the Northeast and 198 better-branded DSW stores in major metropolitan areas throughout the country. DSW also supplies, under supply arrangements, to 211 locations for other non-related retailers in the United States.

SOURCE: Retail Ventures, Inc.

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