

RETAIL VENTURES, INC. REPORTS NOVEMBER SALES

Columbus, Ohio --/ December 1/PR Newswire/-- Retail Ventures, Inc. (NYSE:RVI) announced today total sales for the four weeks ended November 26, 2005, increased 8.3% to \$280.5 million from \$258.9 million for the four weeks ended November 27, 2004. The company's same store sales increased 4.7% for the four week period.

Total sales for the forty-three weeks ended November 26, 2005, increased 6.1% to \$2.37 billion from \$2.24 billion for the forty-three weeks ended November 27, 2004. The company's same store sales decreased 0.2% for the forty-three week period.

Retail sales statistics are as follows:

	<u>Four weeks ended (\$ in thousands)</u>			
	<u>November 26, 2005</u>		<u>November 27, 2004*</u>	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$145,103	51.7	\$144,941	56.0
DSW	97,930	34.9	78,797	30.4
Filene's Basement	37,512	13.4	35,204	13.6
	\$280,545	100.0	\$258,942	100.0
Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		0.8%		(9.6)%
DSW		12.8%		3.2 %
Filene's Basement		5.8%		2.4 %
		4.7%		(5.3)%

	<u>Forty-three weeks ended (\$ in thousands)</u>			
	<u>November 26, 2005</u>		<u>November 27, 2004*</u>	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$1,099,415	46.3	\$1,150,703	51.5
DSW	958,187	40.4	808,204	36.1
Filene's Basement	315,823	13.3	277,727	12.4
	\$2,373,425	100.0	\$2,236,634	100.0
Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		(3.9)%		(5.5)%
DSW		4.6 %		4.6 %
Filene's Basement		2.4 %		5.9 %
		(0.2)%		(1.2)%

*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 213 locations for other non-related retailers in the United States.

SOURCE: Retail Ventures, Inc.

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