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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *- WEATHERUP CRAIG				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/ [FD]					_x_	_ Director				v)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE PEPSI BOTTLING COMPANY, ONE PEPSI WAY			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2005													
(Street) SOMERS, NY 10589				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person						
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Reporting Owners

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Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Craig E. Weatherup pursuant to a Power of Attorney		04/04/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 1-for-1 conversion.
- (2) Units are to be settled in Common Stock upon the Reporting Person's termination from the Board of Directors.

- (3) The price noted is the average of the value of stock units granted each month during the quarter for which this report is filed. (4) Units are to be received by Reporting Person upon termination from the Board of Directors.

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