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BIG LOTS SALUTES U.S. TROOPS WITH ARMED FORCES DAY DISCOUNT

COLUMBUS, OH (May 16, 2011) – Big Lots, Inc. (NYSE: BIG) America's largest broadline closeout value retailer, is recognizing Armed Forces Day by offering a special discount to Armed Forces personnel and their families. On Saturday, May 21, all members of the armed services will receive a 10% discount on their entire purchase by presenting a valid military identification card. The discount can also be applied to sale and clearance items.

“We recognize the effort and sacrifice of all those who serve and protect,” said CEO Steve Fishman, himself a former U.S Army Reservist. “We appreciate their service and are happy to honor them by providing savings on the products their families want and need on this special day.”

The discount will be available at all Big Lots stores nationwide. To find a local store, visit www.biglots.com.

About Big Lots, Inc.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Big Lots (NYSE: BIG) is a Fortune 500 company with more than 1,400 stores in 48 states. As the nation’s largest broadline closeout retailer, Big Lots offers consumers a wide range of bargain-priced merchandise, including brand-name closeouts, seasonal products, consumables, furniture, housewares, toys, and gifts. The Company also sells merchandise through **BIG LOTS WHOLESALE, CONSOLIDATED INTERNATIONAL**, and **WISCONSIN TOY**, and www.biglotswholesale.com