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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading TOME CAROL B Issuer Symbol HOME DEPOT INC [HD] (Check all applicable) (Middle) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner 2455 PACES FERRY ROAD

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 03/23/2005 below) EVP - Chief Financial Officer

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Owned Following (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (D) or Ownership Reported Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price \$.05

Common 276,421.8807 D 03/23/2005 Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day	Pate	7. Title and a Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options	\$ 37.7	03/23/2005		A	65,000	(2)	03/22/2015	Common Stock	65,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TOME CAROL B

2455 PACES FERRY ROAD EVP - Chief Financial Officer

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Signatures

/s/ Rita L. Fadell,
Attorney-in-Fact
03/25/2005

**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) The restricted shares were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 1997 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and vest 100% on the 5th anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) The stock options were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 1997 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and are exercisable in 25% increments on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th anniversaries of the grant date.

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