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## REALTY INCOME INCREASES COMMON STOCK MONTHLY DIVIDEND 34<sup>th</sup> CONSECUTIVE QUARTERLY INCREASE

ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, March 15 2006.... Realty Income Corporation (Realty Income), The Monthly Dividend Company®, (NYSE:O) today announced that its Board of Directors has declared an increase in the Company's common stock monthly dividend to \$0.116875 per share from \$0.11625 per share. The new monthly dividend amount represents an annualized amount of \$1.4025 per share. The dividend is payable on April 17, 2006 to shareholders of record as of April 3, 2006. This is the 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarter in which the Company has increased the amount of its monthly dividend and the 38<sup>th</sup> increase since Realty Income went public in 1994. The Company continues its long-term policy of declaring and paying common stock dividends on a monthly, rather than on a quarterly, basis.

Tom A. Lewis, Chief Executive Officer of Realty Income commented, "We are delighted to have been able to increase the amount of the monthly dividend again this quarter. With the payment of the April dividend, we will have made 429 consecutive monthly dividend payments. Our goal is to continue to provide consistent performance results and dependable monthly income to our shareholders. Increasing the amount of the dividend on a regular basis is the best evidence we can provide of our progress towards this goal."

Realty Income, The Monthly Dividend Company®, is a real estate company dedicated to providing shareholders with dependable monthly income. To date the Company has declared 429 consecutive monthly dividends throughout its 36-year operating history. The monthly dividend is supported by the cash flow from over 1,600 retail properties owned under long-term lease agreements with leading regional and national retail chains. The Company is an active buyer of net-leased retail properties nationwide.

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