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Southwest Airlines Reports February Traffic

DALLAS, March 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 4.8 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in February 2007, a 3.3 percent increase from the 4.7 billion RPMs flown in February 2006. Available seat miles (ASMs) increased 6.0 percent to 7.3 billion from the February 2006 level of 6.8 billion. The load factor for the month was 66.8 percent, compared to 68.5 percent for the same period last year.

Gary C. Kelly, CEO, stated: "Our February 2007 load factor fell 1.7 points compared to last year due to softer demand, which we believe was impacted by inclement winter weather conditions, primarily in the Northeast and Midwest regions of our system. Bookings for March are a little soft, suggesting our March 2007 load factor may fall below last year's record load factor of 75.5 percent."

For the first two months of 2007, Southwest flew 10.0 billion RPMs, compared to the 9.4 billion RPMs recorded for the same period of 2006, an increase of 6.1 percent. Available seat miles increased 7.1 percent to 15.4 billion from the 2006 level of 14.4 billion. The year-to-date load factor was 65.2 percent, compared to 65.8 percent for the same period last year.

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This release, as well as past news releases on Southwest, are available online at http://www.southwest.com/jp/luvhome.shtml?src=IR_030607.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	FEBRUARY		
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	6,109,365	5,964,090	2.4 %
Enplaned passengers	6,987,064	6,818,257	2.5 %

Revenue passenger miles (000)	4,845,518	4,689,549	3.3 %
Available seat miles (000)	7,257,255	6,849,583	6.0 %
Load factor	66.8%	68.5%	(1.7) pts.
Average length of haul	793	786	0.9 %
Trips flown	85,027	81,335	4.5 %

YEAR-TO-DATE

	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	12,437,496	11,935,277	4.2 %
Enplaned passengers	14,272,013	13,678,356	4.3 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	10,024,645	9,448,420	6.1 %
Available seat miles (000)	15,376,527	14,356,515	7.1 %
Load factor	65.2%	65.8%	(0.6) pts.
Average length of haul	806	792	1.8 %
Trips flown	179,777	170,882	5.2 %

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.