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Southwest Airlines Reports March Traffic

DALLAS, April 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 6.1 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in March 2007, a 4.3 percent increase from the 5.8 billion RPMs flown in March 2006. Available seat miles (ASMs) increased 7.5 percent to 8.3 billion from the March 2006 level of 7.7 billion. The load factor for the month was 73.3 percent, compared to 75.5 percent for the same period last year.

For first quarter 2007, Southwest flew 16.1 billion RPMs, compared to the 15.3 billion RPMs recorded for the same period in 2006, an increase of 5.4 percent. Available seat miles increased 7.2 percent to 23.7 billion from the 2006 level of 22.1 billion. The first quarter 2007 load factor was 68.0 percent, compared to 69.2 percent for the same period last year.

This release, as well as past news releases on Southwest, are available online at http://www.southwest.com/?src=IR_040407.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	MARCH		
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	7,532,224	7,264,211	3.7 %
Enplaned passengers	8,631,060	8,337,128	3.5 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	6,084,426	5,832,077	4.3 %
Available seat miles (000)	8,299,810	7,722,943	7.5 %
Load factor	73.3%	75.5%	(2.2) pts.
Average length of haul	808	803	0.6 %
Trips flown	97,123	91,567	6.1 %

	YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	19,968,143	19,199,488	4.0 %
Enplaned passengers	22,903,073	22,015,484	4.0 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	16,109,071	15,280,497	5.4 %
Available seat miles (000)	23,678,376	22,079,458	7.2 %

Load factor	68.0%	69.2%	(1.2) pts.
Average length of haul	807	796	1.4 %
Trips flown	276,900	262,449	5.5 %

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.