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Southwest Airlines Reports April Traffic

DALLAS, May 2 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 5.9 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in April 2007, a 3.3 percent increase from the 5.7 billion RPMs flown in April 2006. Available seat miles (ASMs) increased 9.6 percent to 8.2 billion from the April 2006 level of 7.5 billion. The load factor for the month was 72.3 percent, compared to 76.7 percent for the same period last year.

For the four months ended April 30, 2007, Southwest flew 22.0 billion RPMs, compared to the 21.0 billion RPMs recorded for the same period of 2006, an increase of 4.8 percent. Available seat miles increased 7.8 percent to 31.9 billion from the 2006 level of 29.6 billion. The year-to-date load factor was 69.1 percent, compared to 71.1 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_050207.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	APRIL		
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	7,382,832	7,074,152	4.4 %
Enplaned passengers	8,434,977	8,130,739	3.7 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	5,921,988	5,733,553	3.3 %
Available seat miles (000)	8,189,481	7,470,554	9.6 %
Load factor	72.3%	76.7%	(4.4)pts.
Average length of haul	802	810	(1.0)%
Trips flown	95,668	88,618	8.0 %

	YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	27,343,765	26,273,640	4.1 %
Enplaned passengers	31,338,050	30,146,223	4.0 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	22,031,059	21,014,049	4.8 %

Available seat miles (000)	31,867,856	29,550,012	7.8 %
Load factor	69.1%	71.1%	(2.0)pts.
Average length of haul	806	800	0.8 %
Trips flown	372,568	351,067	6.1 %

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.