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Southwest Airlines Reports May Traffic

DALLAS, June 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 6.3 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in May 2007, a 5.2 percent increase from the 6.0 billion RPMs flown in May 2006. Available seat miles (ASMs) increased 9.2 percent to 8.5 billion from the May 2006 level of 7.8 billion. The load factor for the month was 74.0 percent, compared to 76.8 percent for the same period last year.

For the first five months of 2007, Southwest flew 28.3 billion RPMs, compared to the 27.0 billion RPMs recorded for the same period of 2006, an increase of 4.9 percent. Available seat miles increased 8.1 percent to 40.3 billion from the 2006 level of 37.3 billion. The year-to-date load factor was 70.1 percent, compared to 72.3 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_060407.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	MAY		
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	7,820,858	7,406,651	5.6 %
Enplaned passengers	8,929,948	8,488,998	5.2 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	6,268,313	5,959,458	5.2 %
Available seat miles (000)	8,473,683	7,761,120	9.2 %
Load factor	74.0%	76.8%	(2.8) pts.
Average length of haul	801	805	(0.5)%
Trips flown	98,504	91,854	7.2 %

	YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	35,160,459	33,680,291	4.4 %
Enplaned passengers	40,267,998	38,635,221	4.2 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	28,299,372	26,973,507	4.9 %
Available seat miles (000)	40,341,540	37,311,131	8.1 %
Load factor	70.1%	72.3%	(2.2) pts.
Average length of haul	805	801	0.5 %
Trips flown	471,072	442,921	6.4 %

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.