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Southwest Airlines Reports September Traffic

DALLAS, Oct. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. announced today that the Company flew 5.6 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in September 2007, an 8.6 percent increase from the 5.2 billion RPMs flown in September 2006. Available seat miles (ASMs) increased 7.8 percent to 8.3 billion from the September 2006 level of 7.7 billion. The load factor for the month was 67.7 percent, compared to 67.2 percent for the same period last year.

For the third quarter 2007, Southwest flew 19.7 billion RPMs, compared to the 17.8 billion RPMs recorded for the same period in 2006, an increase of 10.8 percent. Available seat miles increased 8.2 percent to 25.7 billion from the third quarter 2006 level of 23.8 billion. The third quarter 2007 load factor was 76.5 percent, compared to 74.7 percent for the same period last year.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, Southwest flew 54.8 billion RPMs, compared to the 50.9 billion RPMs recorded for the same period in 2006, an increase of 7.7 percent. Available seat miles increased 8.2 percent to 74.4 billion from the 2006 level of 68.7 billion. The year-to-date load factor was 73.7 percent, compared to 74.0 percent for the same period last year.

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SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	SEPTEMBER		
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	6,985,944	6,558,623	6.5 %
Enplaned passengers	7,979,454	7,458,995	7.0 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	5,640,978	5,196,423	8.6 %
Available seat miles (000)	8,336,524	7,732,154	7.8 %
Load factor	67.7%	67.2%	0.5 pts.
Average length of haul	807	792	1.9 %
Trips flown	96,099	90,527	6.2 %

	THIRD QUARTER		
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	23,553,366	21,558,982	9.3 %
Enplaned passengers	27,242,613	24,880,646	9.5 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	19,685,690	17,767,128	10.8 %
Available seat miles (000)	25,738,775	23,784,615	8.2 %
Load factor	76.5%	74.7%	1.8 pts.
Average length of haul	836	824	1.5 %
Trips flown	297,782	279,032	6.7 %

	YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	66,956,318	62,757,726	6.7 %
Enplaned passengers	77,035,110	72,202,988	6.7 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	54,813,530	50,891,473	7.7 %
Available seat miles (000)	74,399,826	68,748,057	8.2 %
Load factor	73.7%	74.0%	(0.3)pts.
Average length of haul	819	811	1.0 %
Trips flown	865,329	812,428	6.5 %

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.