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Southwest Airlines Reports December Traffic

DALLAS, Jan. 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 5.7 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in December 2007, compared to the 5.5 billion RPMs flown in December 2006. Available seat miles (ASMs) increased 5.2 percent to 8.4 billion from the December 2006 level of 8.0 billion. The load factor for the month was 68.2 percent, compared to 68.9 percent for the same period last year.

For the fourth quarter 2007, Southwest flew 17.5 billion RPMs, compared to the 16.8 billion RPMs recorded for the same period in 2006, an increase of 4.2 percent. Available seat miles increased 5.6 percent to 25.3 billion from the fourth quarter 2006 level of 23.9 billion. The fourth quarter 2007 load factor was 69.3 percent, compared to 70.2 percent for the same period last year.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, Southwest flew 72.3 billion RPMs, compared to the 67.7 billion RPMs recorded for the same period in 2006, an increase of 6.8 percent. Available seat miles increased 7.5 percent to 99.6 billion from the 2006 level of 92.7 billion. The year-to-date load factor was 72.6 percent, compared to 73.1 percent for the same period last year.

This release, as well as Southwest's great low fares, are available online at http://www.southwest.com/?src=IR_010408.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	DECEMBER		
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	7,016,216	6,798,075	3.2%
Enplaned passengers	8,079,893	7,869,280	2.7%
Revenue passenger miles (000s)	5,728,563	5,506,520	4.0%
Available seat miles (000s)	8,404,268	7,992,307	5.2%
Load factor	68.2%	68.9%	(0.7)pts.
Average length of haul	816	810	0.7%
Trips flown	98,263	93,171	5.5%

FOURTH QUARTER			
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	21,770,218	21,057,097	3.4%
Enplaned passengers	24,875,699	24,073,919	3.3%
Revenue passenger miles (000s)	17,505,283	16,799,816	4.2%
Available seat miles (000s)	25,258,958	23,914,966	5.6%
Load factor	69.3%	70.2%	(0.9)pts.
Average length of haul	804	798	0.8%
Trips flown	295,370	279,903	5.5%

YEAR-TO-DATE			
	2007	2006	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	88,726,536	83,814,823	5.9%
Enplaned passengers	101,910,809	96,276,907	5.9%
Revenue passenger miles (000s)	72,318,813	67,691,289	6.8%
Available seat miles (000s)	99,635,967	92,663,023	7.5%
Load factor	72.6%	73.1%	(0.5)pts.
Average length of haul	815	808	0.9%
Trips flown	1,160,699	1,092,331	6.3%

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.