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Southwest Airlines Reports February Traffic

DALLAS, March 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 5.4 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in February 2008, a 12.0 percent increase from the 4.8 billion RPMs flown in February 2007. Available seat miles (ASMs) increased 9.0 percent to 7.9 billion from the February 2007 level of 7.3 billion. The load factor for the month was 68.6 percent, compared to 66.8 percent for the same period last year.

For the first two months of 2008, Southwest flew 10.9 billion RPMs, compared to the 10.0 billion RPMs recorded for the same period in 2007, an increase of 8.9 percent. Available seat miles increased 7.0 percent to 16.5 billion from the 2007 level of 15.4 billion. The year-to-date load factor was 66.3 percent, compared to 65.2 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_030508.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	FEBRUARY		
	2008	2007	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	6,769,154	6,107,788	10.8 %
Enplaned passengers	7,744,620	6,987,064	10.8 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	5,427,453	4,845,518	12.0 %
Available seat miles (000)	7,908,038	7,258,298	9.0 %
Load factor	68.6%	66.8%	1.8 pts.
Average length of haul	802	793	1.1 %
Trips flown	92,887	85,027	9.2 %

YEAR-TO-DATE

	2008	2007	CHANGE
Revenue passengers			

carried	13,404,702	12,435,919	7.8 %
Enplaned passengers	15,398,957	14,272,013	7.9 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	10,912,735	10,024,645	8.9 %
Available seat miles (000)	16,456,471	15,378,565	7.0 %
Load factor	66.3%	65.2%	1.1 pts.
Average length of haul	814	806	1.0 %
Trips flown	193,247	179,777	7.5 %

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.