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## Southwest Airlines Reports April Traffic

DALLAS, May 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 6.3 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in April 2008, a 5.7 percent increase from the 5.9 billion RPMs flown in April 2007. Available seat miles (ASMs) increased 5.3 percent to 8.6 billion from the April 2007 level of 8.2 billion. The load factor for the month was 72.6 percent, compared to 72.3 percent for the same period last year.

For the four months ended April 30, 2008, Southwest flew 23.9 billion RPMs, compared to the 22.0 billion RPMs recorded for the same period of 2007, an increase of 8.3 percent. Available seat miles increased 6.1 percent to 33.8 billion from the 2007 level of 31.9 billion. The year-to-date load factor was 70.5 percent, compared to 69.1 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=INVRINVAPTR000000080505>.

### SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	APRIL		
	2008	2007	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	7,663,814	7,378,668	3.9 %
Enplaned passengers	8,794,398	8,434,977	4.3 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	6,261,385	5,921,988	5.7 %
Available seat miles (000)	8,625,382	8,189,481	5.3 %
Load factor	72.6%	72.3%	0.3 pts.
Average length of haul	817	803	1.7 %
Trips flown	100,307	95,668	4.8 %

	YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2008	2007	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	29,169,236	27,339,601	6.7 %
Enplaned passengers	33,503,013	31,338,050	6.9 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	23,853,543	22,031,059	8.3 %
Available seat miles (000)	33,818,819	31,867,856	6.1 %

Load factor	70.5%	69.1%	1.4 pts.
Average length of haul	818	806	1.5 %
Trips flown	395,097	372,568	6.0 %

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.