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## Southwest Airlines Reports May Traffic

DALLAS, June 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 6.7 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in May 2008, a 6.5 percent increase from the 6.3 billion RPMs flown in May 2007. Available seat miles (ASMs) increased 5.2 percent to 8.9 billion from the May 2007 level of 8.5 billion. The load factor for the month was 74.9 percent, compared to 74.0 percent for the same period last year.

For the first five months of 2008, Southwest flew 30.5 billion RPMs, compared to the 28.3 billion RPMs recorded for the same period of 2007, an increase of 7.9 percent. Available seat miles increased 5.9 percent to 42.7 billion from the 2007 level of 40.3 billion. The year-to-date load factor was 71.4 percent, compared to 70.1 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=INVRINVMAYT000000080603>.

### SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	MAY		
	2008	2007	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	8,136,968	7,823,844	4.0 %
Enplaned passengers	9,304,834	8,929,948	4.2 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	6,672,655	6,268,313	6.5 %
Available seat miles (000)	8,914,187	8,473,683	5.2 %
Load factor	74.9%	74.0%	0.9 pts.
Average length of haul	820	801	2.4 %
Trips flown	102,294	98,504	3.8 %
	YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2008	2007	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	37,308,949	35,163,445	6.1 %
Enplaned passengers	42,807,847	40,267,998	6.3 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	30,526,198	28,299,372	7.9 %

Available seat miles (000)	42,733,005	40,341,540	5.9 %
Load factor	71.4%	70.1%	1.3 pts.
Average length of haul	818	805	1.6 %
Trips flown	497,391	471,072	5.6 %

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.