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Southwest Airlines Reports June Traffic

DALLAS, July 2 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 6.9 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in June 2008, a 0.7 percent increase from the 6.8 billion RPMs flown in June 2007. Available seat miles (ASMs) increased 5.7 percent to 8.8 billion from the June 2007 level of 8.3 billion. The load factor for the month was 78.2 percent, compared to 82.1 percent for the same period last year.

For the second quarter 2008, Southwest flew 19.8 billion RPMs, compared to the 19.0 billion RPMs recorded for the same period of 2007, an increase of 4.2 percent. Available seat miles increased 5.4 percent to 26.3 billion from the second quarter 2007 level of 25.0 billion. The second quarter 2008 load factor was 75.2 percent, compared to 76.1 percent for the same period last year.

For the first half of 2008, Southwest flew 37.4 billion RPMs, compared to the 35.1 billion RPMs recorded for the same period in 2007, an increase of 6.5 percent. Available seat miles increased 5.9 percent to 51.5 billion from the 2007 level of 48.7 billion. The year-to-date load factor was 72.6 percent, compared to 72.2 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=INVRINVJUNT000000080702>.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	JUNE		
	2008	2007	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	8,182,009	8,239,507	(0.7)%
Enplaned passengers	9,451,725	9,524,499	(0.8)%
Revenue passenger miles (000)	6,877,502	6,828,468	0.7%
Available seat miles (000)	8,795,505	8,319,512	5.7%
Load factor	78.2%	82.1%	(3.9) pts.
Average length of haul	841	829	1.4%
Trips flown	100,831	96,475	4.5%

SECOND QUARTER

	2008	2007	CHANGE
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Revenue passengers carried	23,992,281	23,442,019	2.3%
Enplaned passengers	27,550,957	26,889,424	2.5%
Revenue passenger miles (000)	19,811,541	19,018,769	4.2%
Available seat miles (000)	26,335,073	24,982,676	5.4%
Load factor	75.2%	76.1% (0.9) pts.	
Average length of haul	826	811	1.8%
Trips flown	303,432	290,647	4.4%

YEAR-TO-DATE

	2008	2007	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	45,497,163	43,402,952	4.8%
Enplaned passengers	52,259,572	49,792,497	5.0%
Revenue passenger miles (000)	37,403,700	35,127,840	6.5%
Available seat miles (000)	51,528,510	48,661,051	5.9%
Load factor	72.6%	72.2%	0.4 pts.
Average length of haul	822	809	1.6%
Trips flown	598,222	567,547	5.4%

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.