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TWU 556 Ratifies Tentative Agreement With Southwest Airlines' Flight Attendants

DALLAS, May 18 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines is pleased to announce that its Flight Attendants represented by the Transport Workers Union (TWU) Local 556 voted to ratify the tentative, four-year contract both parties reached in March 2009. The new contract is active through May 31, 2012.

"Our Flight Attendants play such an important role in providing the legendary Service that our Customers have come to expect," said Gary Kelly, Chairman, President, and CEO of Southwest Airlines. "I commend the negotiations Teams for delivering a contract that benefits our outstanding Employees and also demonstrates a commitment to sustain our financial strength in an increasingly tough economy."

TWU Local 556 represents more than 9,700 Southwest Flight Attendants.

After nearly 38 years of service, Southwest Airlines, the nation's leading low-fare carrier, continues to differentiate itself from other airlines --offering a reliable product with exemplary Customer Service. Southwest Airlines is the most productive airline in the sky and offers Customers a comfortable traveling experience. Southwest Airlines (NYSE: LUV) currently serves 65 cities in 33 states. Based in Dallas, Southwest currently operates more than 3,300 flights a day and has more than 35,000 Employees systemwide.

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