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Testimony from Southwest Airlines Chairman, President, and CEO Gary Kelly Before Today's Houston City Council available on www.FreeHobbyAirport.com

DALLAS—May 8, 2012— Southwest Airlines (NYSE: LUV) has made available the testimony given by Chairman, President, and CEO Gary Kelly in front of today's joint committee of the Houston City Council. The testimony, in support of the carrier's request to begin international service out of Houston's William P. Hobby Airport is available at www.FreeHobbyAirport.com.

Also available on the "Resources" tab at the Free Hobby website are the supporting documents given to Houston City Council members today including:

- Free Hobby Executive Summary
- Free Hobby Presentation
- Boyd Group: Potential Effects of International Service at Houston Hobby Airport
- Campbell-Hill Aviation Group: Traffic Forecast and Fare Savings From Houston Hobby —Latin America/Caribbean Low-Fare Service
- Moody's Investor Service: "Southwest meets Southeast"

Earlier this year, Southwest asked the city of Houston for permission to look into the construction of a five-gate international facility at Houston's Hobby Airport. The plan is to fly to destinations such as Mexico, the Caribbean, and cities in Central and South America.

About Southwest Airlines

Southwest Airlines continues to differentiate itself from other low-fare carriers--offering a reliable product with exemplary Customer Service. Southwest Airlines is the nation's largest carrier in terms of originating domestic passengers boarded and has acquired AirTran Airways, now a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest Airlines Co. Southwest serves 73 cities in 38 states and remains one of the most honored airlines in the world known for its commitment to the triple bottom line of Performance, People, and Planet. To read more about how Southwest is doing its part to be a good citizen, visit southwest.com/citizenship to read the Southwest Airlines One Report™. Based in Dallas, Southwest currently operates more than 3,300 flights a day and has more than 39,000 Employees systemwide.

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