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NEWS RELEASE

Southwest Airlines Announces New Washington Dulles Service for Tampa

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Tampa International Airport (TPA) performs as an integral component of the Tampa Bay community offering nonstop air service to over 72 cities and easy connections to every major city in the world.

Adding to TPA's service, Southwest Airlines Chief Executive Officer Gary Kelly announced today that Southwest will start service to its 63rd city on October 5, 2006 – Washington Dulles International Airport.

Southwest Airlines will begin its Dulles service with a total of 12 daily nonstop departures to the following cities: Tampa Bay (two daily); Chicago Midway (seven daily), Las Vegas (one daily) and Orlando (two daily). The airline will offer direct or connecting service to 35 other destinations such as Denver, Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood, and Los Angeles.

"Southwest is putting its resources where its future growth is – the Tampa Bay area," stated Louis E. Miller, Executive Director, Tampa International Airport. "Selecting Tampa as one of first cities to serve Dulles says it all."

Southwest Airlines started service in Tampa during January 1996, with 12 daily flights serving five cities. Today, Southwest offers 72 daily departures serving 27 cities for the community. During June 2006, Southwest carried 216,849 enplaned passengers which is a 56.3 percent growth compared to June 2003, giving the airline 27.4 percent airline market share at TPA.

With the new Washington service, Tampa Bay passengers now have more options when traveling to the Capitol.

Daily Nonstop Departures from Tampa

<u>Airtran Airways</u>	
Baltimore	3
<u>Southwest</u>	
Washington Dulles	3 effective 10/5/06
Baltimore	7
<u>Ted – United</u>	
Washington Dulles	3
<u>US Airways</u>	
Washington National	5

Tampa International Airport processed over 19 million passengers during 2005, an increase of 9.5 percent compared to 2004.

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