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**Statement of American Airlines Two Largest
Unions on AMR's Fourth Quarter Losses**

DALLAS - The Transport Workers Union (TWU) and the Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA) released the following statement in reaction to today's AMR Corp.'s fourth quarter earnings report.

"AMR's losses this quarter do not come as any great surprise given the impact of the economic crisis on the airline industry. American Airlines workers, like most Americans, are also feeling the pinch, working harder and still struggling to make ends meet.

"We made tough sacrifices to help American stave off bankruptcy six years ago and now is the time for management to step up to the plate and stop increasing their salaries and taking massive bonuses. Congress needs to watch this closely and hold AMR's top executives accountable.

"As Wall Street analysts predict a banner year in 2009 for the airline industry and oil prices remain low, American ground workers and flight attendants remain committed, in federal mediation, to restoring what we lost. We deserve a fair and just contract and will settle for nothing less.

"We care about our airline, our passengers and our success and look forward to making American the best airline in the industry."

TWU, APFA and the pilots are all in federal mediation.

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*The **Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA)** is the nation's largest independent Flight Attendant union representing the more than 18,000 American Airlines Flight Attendants. More information is available at: www.apfa.org*

***Transport Workers Union of America (TWU)** represents 200,000 members and retirees, primarily in commercial aviation, public transportation and passenger railroads. The union is an affiliate of the AFL-CIO.*