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Ted Christie Named Executive Vice President of Spirit Airlines

Takes on Commercial-Focused Functions In Addition to CFO Responsibilities

MIRAMAR, Fla., Jan. 24, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Spirit Airlines (NASDAQ:SAVE) announced today that Edward M. (Ted) Christie has been appointed to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. The move is effective immediately.

In this expanded role, Christie will continue running the finance side of the company, but will now take on the added responsibility for the airline's commercial functions. In addition to his current finance team, Matt Klein, Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer, will now report to Mr. Christie.

"Spirit's Board and I are excited to bring Ted into this expanded role," said Bob Fornaro, Spirit's President and CEO. "His leadership and increased contributions in the revenue side of the business over the last couple of years has allowed the airline to grow and remain highly profitable."

"I am proud to work for an airline focused on bringing affordable air travel to consumers," said Christie. "I'm honored by this appointment and look forward to continued success for Spirit."

Christie joined Spirit in 2012 as its Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to working at Spirit, Christie served as Vice President and CFO at Pinnacle Airlines and the same role for Frontier Airlines. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Finance from the University of Arizona.

About Spirit Airlines:

Spirit Airlines (NASDAQ:SAVE) is committed to offering the lowest total price to the places we fly, on average much lower than other airlines, on average nearly 40% less*. Our customers start with an unbundled, stripped-down Bare Fare™ and get Frill Control™ which allows them to pay only for the options they choose — like bags, seat assignments and refreshments — the things other airlines bake right into their ticket prices. We help people save money and travel more often, create new jobs and stimulate business growth in the communities we serve. Our Fit Fleet is one of the youngest, most fuel-efficient in the U.S. We operate more than 400 daily flights to 59 destinations in the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean. Come save with us at www.spirit.com.

*U.S. Department of Transportation statistics

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