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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 233

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to provide information about the available compensation programs for potential COVID-19 vaccine injuries to Louisiana residents.

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Louisiana Department of Health to protect and promote health and to ensure access to medical, preventive, and rehabilitative services for all residents of this state; and

WHEREAS, the department has taken initiative in making all residents of this state aware of vaccination recommendations and eligibility; and

WHEREAS, federal law has two distinct compensation regimes that may compensate individuals harmed by adverse reactions to vaccines; and

WHEREAS, the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) may provide compensation for injuries or deaths associated with most vaccines routinely administered in the United States; and

WHEREAS, during certain public health emergencies, the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) may provide compensation for injuries and deaths resulting from the administration of "covered countermeasures" under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act), which may include vaccines; and

WHEREAS, according to the Congressional Research Service's publication entitled, "Compensation Programs for Potential COVID-19 Vaccine Injuries", there are specific procedures for obtaining compensation for vaccination injuries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health

to provide information about the available compensation programs for potential COVID-19 vaccine injuries to Louisiana residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES