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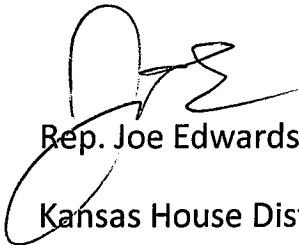
I am Joe Edwards, a member of the Legislature and also a citizen of this great State of Kansas. I come today to speak on the bill HB 2046. This bill is just a small correction of the speed limit specification stated in the statute. What this bill does is change in 2 location of the statute that will allow the use of Golf Carts on streets posted at 35 mph. Currently the bill allows them to operate on streets of 30mph or less.

As a small city citizen of Haysville, Kansas, my wife Sally and I have owned a golf cart for many years. The city has not said anything till 2009 when the Senate Bill by former Senator Lee of Northern Kansas presented a bill allowing this use to be lawful if a local municipality in a Class C city or smaller (10,000 or less) would adopt the statute and put it into their laws. Haysville has stopped the debate due to their main streets are posted at 35 mph. They would not even consider this till the law was amended to read 35 mph. The officials of the Police and also the City Government would not even allow us to cross a 35 mph street. My wife and I take time in summer to go get our senior citizens at our senior centers and take them for an Ice Cream cone or a pizza or just a ride in the park to relax and have a day out of their centers. This has been our joy for now near a decade. We love doing this during the summer and would like to continue this in a lawful way.

What this bill does is allow those municipalities that meet the criteria, to use the bill in their cities as wanted. Many cities across this great State have adopted this

statue and allow the use of Golf Carts but Haysville had concerns with the speed limit difference.

We ask that you vote in favor of this bill and allow the change in the statute to read 35 mph.



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