



# Judith Heumann

Mother of the Disability Rights Movement

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# The start of an advocate

- Judy was denied the right to attend school at the age of five because she was considered a "fire hazard." She was admitted once she reached fourth grade.“
- Judy was denied her teaching license because she failed on her medical exam.
- Judy [sued the Board of Education](#) and became the first wheelchair user to become a teacher in the state of New York.



# Advocating for your rights! Who was Judy Heumann?

- Moved to California to work with Ed Roberts at the Center for Independent Living.



# Advocating for your rights! Who was Judy Heumann?

- She helped fight for things that we younger generations have gotten in our schools like 504 and IEP plans.
- She fought for equal rights for people with disability to be at the table and have their voices heard.
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# Because she made a fuss, Judy Heumann made everyone's life better

<https://youtu.be/WKiDJqMrrcQ>

Rachel Maddow celebrates the life and accomplishments of Judy Heumann, a tireless advocate for the rights of the disabled who helped secure the passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act

# Reflection



# Judith Heumann, Advocate

- <https://judithheumann.com>
- Crip Camp  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFS8SpwioZ4&t=1455s>
- Children's toy in her honor:  
<https://www.larktoys.com/product/judy/>
- PBS video on Judy <https://youtu.be/2PnUza4FPz8>