



Advancing the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities worldwide

**Rehabilitation International Mourns the Passing of
Judith Heumann, Disability Rights Activist**

It is with great sadness that we have learned of the death of Judith Heumann a champion for the rights of disabled people and widely known as "the mother" of disability rights.

Her dedication and firm commitment to the disability rights movement spanned over the course of five decades and paved the way for progress that has positively impacted the lives of persons with disabilities all around the world.

Judith Heumann's work and advocacy has had a profound impact on the disability community and on the society as a whole. Her untiring efforts to promote disability rights, accessibility, and inclusion have helped to create a fairer and more equitable world. Judith Heumann will be remembered as icon and role model who changed the world, but most importantly, she will be remembered as a dear friend to everyone she met.

While we are deeply saddened of the passing of Judith Heumann, we would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation for her tireless work and dedications in promoting the rights and inclusions of persons with disabilities globally.

Sincerely,

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