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### **Judy Heumann, disability rights activist, dies at age 75**

Judy Heumann, a renowned activist who helped secure legislation protecting the rights of disabled people, has died at age 75. The news of her passing on Saturday in Washington, D.C., was posted online and confirmed by the American Association of People with Disabilities. Judy Heumann lost her ability to walk at age 2 after contracting polio. She has been called the “mother of the disability rights movement” for her longtime advocacy on behalf of disabled people.

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