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ANC3C Resolution 2023-005
Regarding Naming the Connecticut Avenue Bridge over Klinge Valley in Memory
and Honor of Judith (Judy) Heumann

WHEREAS Judith “Judy” Heumann— widely regarded as “the mother” of the disability rights movement— passed away in Washington, D.C. on March 4, 2023;

WHEREAS Judy Heumann is a lifelong advocate for the rights of disabled people. She contracted polio in 1949 in Brooklyn, New York and began to use a wheelchair for her mobility;

WHEREAS Judy is an internationally recognized leader in the disability rights community. She was instrumental in the development and implementation of legislation, such as [Section 504, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#)¹, the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#)², the [Rehabilitation Act](#)³, and the [UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#)⁴ which have been advancing the inclusion of disabled people in the US and around the world and fighting to end discrimination against all those who identify as disabled;

WHEREAS from 1993 to 2001, Judy served in the Clinton Administration as the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services in the Department of Education;

WHEREAS Judy served as the World Bank’s first Adviser on Disability and Development from 2002 to 2006 where she led the World Bank’s disability work to expand its knowledge and capability to work with governments and civil society on including disability in the global conversation;

WHEREAS Mayor Fenty of D.C. appointed Judy as the first Director for the Department on Disability Services in 2007, where she was responsible for the Developmental Disability Administration and the Rehabilitation Services Administration;

WHEREAS President Obama appointed Judy as the first Special Advisor for International Disability Rights at the U.S. Department of State, where she served from 2010-2017;

¹ <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ocr/civilrights/resources/factsheets/504.pdf>

² <https://www.ada.gov/>

³ <https://www.eeoc.gov/statutes/rehabilitation-act-1973>

⁴ <https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/crpd/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-crpd>

WHEREAS Judy, a true pioneer in the disability rights movement, as documented in the numerous tributes since her death, as well as in the documentary [Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution](#)⁵, lived in the [Kennedy-Warren](#) apartment building, adjacent to the Connecticut Avenue Bridge over Klinge Valley for the three decades she lived in DC;

WHEREAS Judy used the bridge most every day to reach the stores and restaurants along the Cleveland Park strip or the Cleveland Park Metro Station;

WHEREAS with its design, the bridge has always been fully accessible to people using wheelchairs;

WHEREAS bridges are physically strong, like Judy;

WHEREAS bridges hold people up, like Judy;

WHEREAS bridges connect people and communities, like Judy;

WHEREAS bridges like the historic Connecticut Avenue Bridge over Klinge Valley (constructed in 1932 and on the [National Register of Historic Places](#)⁶) will be maintained indefinitely and will be an enduring reminder to the countless people who cross it on wheelchairs, foot, bike, bus or car of what she accomplished;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (ANC 3C) expresses its support for naming the Connecticut Avenue Bridge over Klinge Valley in Memory and Honor of Judith (Judy) Heumann;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C expresses its support to waive the [2-year waiting period](#)⁷ and honor this hero and her legacy without unnecessary delay;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes the Chair and the Commissioners for 3C03, and 3C02 to represent the Commission on this matter.

Attested by



Janell Pagats
Chair, on March 20, 2023

This resolution was approved by voice vote on March 20, 2023, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.

⁵ <https://www.netflix.com/title/81001496>

⁶ <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/71bfd97a-048c-4ae2-abf0-df5368675ff3/>

⁷ <https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/code/sections/9-204.05>