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I guess I'm seeing the world a bit differently now that Jackson, my grandson was born 3 months ago with Dwarfism. He's going to grow up to be a proud Little Person if I have any influence in the matter. I've let a lot of things roll off my back over the years. Specifically the term Midget being used as "hate talk" and/or material for laughing stock against Little People such as myself, my son (now father) Zachary and countless friends of mine.

We've endured the young kids in school who hear the term Midget from late night comedians and then use it to ruthlessly tease us the next day in school. I'm not overly sensitive or politically Correct.... I actually enjoy an occasional short person joke and can laugh at myself better than most. The term Midget however is hurtful to many. It's been used as a touting word that signals a person is less than whole... less valuable... less respected. A few Little People embrace the term as their own coping mechanism, but all n all it's not acceptable to those of us that seek a life of respect and dignity in our professions and communities. It's a mean spirited word and it's inappropriate in a modern progressive society. Period.

Our TV show, Little People Big World had done its share to help raise awareness to the plight for equality and respect for LP's. The Little People of America has fought the fight for respect for 50+ years. It's time to flush out the last remains of ignorance.

Let me say on the record I'm not against Little People wrestling. I fully advocate and support LP's endeavoring to play sports, have jobs and follow their dreams. I don't however support a major metropolitan American City such as [City Government of Chandler, Arizona](#) playing host (i.e allowing) an event that uses terms such as "Extreme Midget Wrestling" This is tasteless, rude, and unnecessary. It's anything but progressive. I'm very pleased to hear that Chandler recently asked the promoters, [HDE Agency](#), to remove the title "Extreme Midget Wrestling" from their upcoming Taco event and simply refers to it as a "wrestling event". Kudos to Chandler AZ for listening to the Little People in their community that weighed in on this. Unfortunately, much ignorance still exists and the issue is still present in many hometowns across America.

Please join me in continuing the education and rebuking the sponsors and organizers of events that lack sensitivity to hurtful labels. My grandson's future is counting on you.

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**Matt Roloff** ✓ I'm sorry everyone for that long post. But it was something I had to speak out on .. and it was a bit more complicated to explain than my normal sound bites on here. Thanks for all the warm and understanding comments. I'm trying to read them all.

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**Erin Parsons** Thank you Matt! This means so much to my family and I. We live in Chandler AZ and have been trying to get this event canceled. My 5 year old son has achondroplasia and he deserves a community that respects him ❤️

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