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# ***The Plant Genome* pays tribute to Ron Phillips**

**Special section features research from former collaborators, those inspired by his legacy**

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Phillips was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, past president of CSSA, recipient of the CSSA Presidential Award, former Chief Scientist of the USDA, mentor to many graduate students and postdoctoral scientists, and an early supporter of the establishment of *The Plant Genome*.

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