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Von D. Jolley is the consummate "good citizen" in all aspects of his life. As a tough but caring instructor, and a highly productive researcher with 125 scientific publications, he has simultaneously served his family, church, university, and profession with excellence. He has served on a host of college and professional committees, and as Department Chair of Plant and Wildlife Sciences for six years.

He has received Distinguished Service and Outstanding Mentoring Awards at BYU. Von served on the Board of Directors, and is a Fellow of the Soil Science Society of America. He is also a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy. Von is also a co-founder of the International Symposium on Iron Nutrition, which is dedicated to the correction of a worldwide nutritional scourge.