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On the Cover:

The White Knight. A title reserved for the knight who exhibited the most chivalry, loyalty, and bravery on the battlefield. A symbol of honor and nobility that served as a beacon to those he swore to protect. In GIS the battlefield is only symbolic. The enemy does not carry a sword and ride atop a black steed. To the GIS professional, the adversary is a lack of access to good data for making better decisions; the adversary is overcome through vision, passion, skill, perseverance, and collective action. It is up to today's white knights of GIS to ensure that their organizations adopt and utilize geospatial technology effectively to provide a better environment for those who rely on them. The individuals profiled in an article by William Craig are just a sample of the thousands of GIS champions who help to improve the use of spatial information technology around the world. Their unique contributions, along with others, are the subject of an article entitled “White Knights of Spatial Data Infrastructure: The Role and Motivation of Key Individuals” which highlights this issue of the URISA Journal.