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addition to those and the various other men and women with frontier forts, hundreds if not thousands more traveling the Butterfield Trail stopped at the stage station adjacent to the fort.

Established Oct. 28, 1852, by Companies A and K of the 8th U.S. Infantry, Fort Chadbourne was the midpoint of a line of U.S. military posts stretching from the Red River to the Rio Grande in pre-Civil War Texas. The fort was named for 2nd Lt. Theodore Lincoln Chadbourne, who had died in the Battle of Resaca de la Palma during the Mexican War.

Though officially closed as a military post in 1867 in favor of the newly established Fort Concho about 45 miles to the southwest, the site and property today is known as the Chadbourne headquarters at the fort site. That land and the timber.

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“Back then, Fort Chadbourne didn’t mean anything to them other than a place to stay, a roof to keep the rain off their heads and some place to get in out of the sun,” Mr. Richards said.

The reason all of the fort structures are gone now. During a 1957 West Texas windstorm, the last surviving roof was blown off a barracks building that was being used as a tool and tack shop.

Today, that barracks’ roofless sandstone walls, some with prickly pear growing out the top, are braced against collapse as they are being prepared for a stabilization project that should be completed by the end of the year.

FATHER WAS INSPIRATION

Mr. Richards’ father, the late Conda Richards, provided both the inspiration and the grubstake for him to revive Fort Chadbourne from gradual decay and to save its legacy from historical oblivion.

“His love for history is what keeps me going,” Mr. Richards said. “There is something about the history of Texas that fascinates me. He made the effort to save Fort Chadbourne.

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Each fall, the foundation also has a fundraiser for the preservation efforts. The event includes reenactors, programs on the fort, and skits reflecting stories and vignettes from the fort’s past.

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“We’ve looked every way we could looking trying to figure out a way for Fort Chadbourne to pay for itself,” Mr. Richards said. “We’ve pretty much determined that Fort Chadbourne will never pay for itself or make an income. As far as the dollars Lana and I have invested in the fort, I don’t think that anybody will ever recover those dollars. This is just something I wanted to do, and I convinced her that we needed to do it.”

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To help cover the expenses, they started writing grant proposals. Through support from the Summertime Foundation, the Dodge–Jones Foundation and the Texas Historical Commission, they have brought in an additional $414,000.

RESEARCH PROJECT

In addition to the stabilization project, the grants have helped fund a billboard on Highway 277 pointing to the ruins.

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HONORING LARRY HOLMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. TOM UDALL
OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Holman on the occasion of his retirement later this summer. Mr. Holman has served 30 years as the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ Superintendent for Education of the Eastern Navajo Agency. Since beginning his BIA career in 1966 as a Wingate Elementary school teacher, he has dedicated his life to bringing equal opportunity education to the Navajo youth of New Mexico.

Mr. Holman has seen many changes during his term. In the late sixties, families would bring their children to school in horse-drawn wagons. In the seventies, there was a lot of pressure to only emphasize English instruction. One of his many distinguished accomplishments was instituting a new Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel system. Through his efforts, BIA teachers’ salaries were raised to equal the Department of Defense teacher’s rate. This led to a superior teaching staff, and it has increased the quality of education for students.

Such dedication to our teachers and our students, the future of our world, is one of the greatest gifts that a person can give. Mr. Holman has touched many lives and affected a strong beginning for a successful education for many New Mexicans.

Today we recognize Larry Holman’s distinguished career and his valuable service to the youth of the Navajo nation. Mr. Speaker, I believe that I speak for every citizen in the State of New Mexico when I extend our congratulations and best wishes for a retirement filled with happiness.

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I joined thousands of Floridians in saying goodbye to one of Tampa’s finest, Police Officer Lois Marrero, who was struck down when a bank robber opened fire on four pursuing officers. Marrero was Tampa’s first female police officer killed in the line of duty, but she will be remembered in Florida for so much more.

A devoted officer, Marrero never let her diminutive stature slow her down. Today, her friends and colleagues recalled her feisty spirit and dedication to her job and as one officer described it, her “heart that was twice as big as her physical size.”

Marrero, who was just 15 months shy of retirement, impressed her superiors throughout her career for her energy and professionalism. She was praised for her crime fighting efforts in Ybor City’s neighborhoods, and as head of the Tampa Police Department’s community affairs bureau and gang suppression units,