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The Brifen system barrier uses three wires that intertwine between posts and a fourth that runs through the posts. The barrier was hit 10 times between May 2 and June 13.

LBJ segment of the barrier has resulted in crossovers or fatalities.

"It makes us feel good, because we fought for this," Mr. Ball said.

At the dedication ceremony for the barrier, pictures taken after a recent collision were shown, the fence seen nearest to the southbound lanes.

A vehicle had dug into the soft median, throwing dirt onto the northbound lanes, but the vehicle was constrained by the barrier.

"It's a tribute to my daughter," Ms. Blasingame said. "It feels like we can make a difference in this world — one person can make a difference.

"Rachel won't be forgotten, because in a sense, that barrier is a monument to her."



"Every time that barrier gets hit, I feel like that's just Rachel's hand reaching down from heaven and just stopping those cars," says Julie Blasingame, shown where friends placed a cross near where her daughter died.