Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, on July 27, 2015, my flight was delayed and I was unable to vote on S. 1482, H.R. 1656 and H.R. 2770. If present, I would have voted “yea” on S. 1482, “yea” on H.R. 1656, and “yee” on H.R. 2770.

Honoring Barbara Dubler

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Barbara Dubler of Boynton Beach and to congratulate her on her retirement after forty years of dedicated service to the children of Florida.

A Bronx native, Mrs. Dubler moved to South Florida in 1960 and later became an educator after graduating from the University of Florida. Since then, she has worked tirelessly to inspire and educate her students. After nearly twenty years teaching in the Dade County Public Schools, she moved in 1993 to Palm Beach County to continue her work as a teacher, most recently at the Woodlands Middle School in Lake Worth, Florida. During her tenure at Woodlands, she primarily taught sixth and eighth grade English, and consistently produced some of the best-performing students in the county. Over the course of her career, Mrs. Dubler also served as the Chair of the English Department and ran a high school drama program, which she considers one of her fondest memories. Barbara’s efforts have not gone unnoticed. In 2000, Mrs. Dubler was the recipient of the Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award for Palm Beach County.

Dedicated teachers like Mrs. Dubler are the backbone of the American education system. Throughout her career, she worked tirelessly to foster a positive class environment, while keeping her students engaged and eager to learn both inside and outside of the classroom. She truly serves as a model for other educators to emulate.

As a loving mother and wife, Barbara is still happily married after twenty-nine years to her husband Dr. Gary Dubler, and they have one son. In her free time, Barbara enjoys reading, traveling, and going to the theater.

In honor of her tireless work to educate our children, I am proud to recognize Barbara Dubler and to thank her for her forty years of service to our children. I wish her good health and a well-earned retirement.

Tribute to Major General Andrew Cooley

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I stand in recognition of the late Major General Andrew Cooley; a dear friend and tremendous patriot who dedicated a life of service to this great nation. A true leader and a combat veteran, he faithfully served 38 years leading from the front and accomplishing much along the way. His career was marked by several tours at home and abroad, including the command of an Army Division, and was witness to combat in Vietnam, Korea, Lebanon, Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Angola.

In 1951 General Cooley enlisted in the army at the age of 17, and went on to receive his commission from Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning in 1953. Over the course of his career he served in various staff and command positions including the principal representative of the Department of Defense to the Lebanese-Israeli negotiations and Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division. Upon retirement from the Army, General Cooley was instrumental in instituting a forward focused logistical infrastructure that remains integral to our nation’s defense.

Without a doubt General Cooley’s many accomplishments should be honored. However, his accomplishments could only be realized with the support and commitment of his wife of 57 years, Joan and their two children, Cathleen and Caroline.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today humbled by the many accomplishments of a true patriot and it is my great honor to recognize Major General Andrew Cooley for his friendship and his service to our great nation.

Recognizing Alyssa Barton

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am grateful to welcome Alyssa Evelyn Barton on her visit to the U.S. Capitol. Alyssa will attend Lemon Road Elementary School in Falls Church, Virginia this fall.

A model student, Alyssa is frequently named to the Honor Roll. She is active in marital arts and dance, interested in politics, and her future career aspirations include being an attorney. I congratulate her parents, Darlene and Jacob Barton, on raising an impressive young lady, and I am confident in her future success.

Our Unconscionable National Debt

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was $10,626,877,048,913.08. Today, it is $18,151,893,254,765.19. We’ve added $7,525,016,205,852.11 to our debt in 6 years. This is over $7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

In Recognition of the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.