

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1993-8636**

By Senators Pelz and Moyer

WHEREAS, The Forum Foundation is a nonprofit, research corporation of Washington State organized in 1970 to improve the functioning of organizations and society; and

WHEREAS, Founders Richard J. Spady, President of The Forum Foundation, and Dr. Cecil H. Bell, Jr., of the University of Washington Graduate School of Business Administration and Vice-President of The Forum Foundation have worked tirelessly to promote new theories and technologies of innovative and effective communication strategies; and

WHEREAS, These new theories of administration and communication have been developed in Washington State to strengthen the effectiveness of new citizen involvement and education applications with the assistance of the late Dr. Stuart C. Dodd, professor-emeritus of sociology at the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, A new communication technology called the "Fast Forum" technique, developed at the University of Washington Academic Computing Services beginning in 1970 and continuing there today, has emerged from these theories; and

WHEREAS, This communication technology facilitates the exchange of ideas among people in large and diverse groups, improves citizen participation, and has been used successfully by the municipalities of Redmond and Kent, and the Republic of Kryrgyzstan of the Commonwealth of Independent States; and

WHEREAS, The application of this communication technology to enhance citizenship education and critical-thinking curriculum materials for secondary schools in our state and elsewhere holds great promise;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of Washington, that the members of The Forum Foundation be recognized for their excellent work and research to improve communication in organizations and society, and that copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Governor, the Department of Community Development, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Richard J. Spady, and Dr. Cecil H. Bell, Jr. to encourage the further innovative research of The Forum Foundation in citizenship education programs for communities and educational programs in schools.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1993-8636,
adopted by the Senate April 13, 1993.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate