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1 Revise resolution 116, Homelessness in the United States, as follows:

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3 Revise third paragraph as follows:

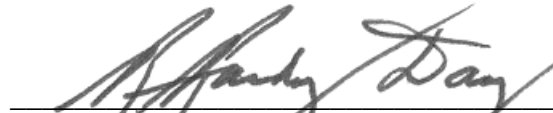
4 Homelessness is a crisis that strikes at the soul of the nation and at the heart of the
5 church. A study by the U.S. Conference of Mayors revealed a sharp rise of homelessness
6 in major cities in 2000. ~~The study estimates that on average, single men comprise 40~~
7 ~~percent of the homeless population, families with children 40 percent, single women 14~~
8 ~~percent, and unaccompanied minors four percent. The homeless population is estimated~~
9 ~~to be 50 percent African American, 35 percent white, 12 percent Hispanic, two percent~~
10 ~~Native American, and one percent Asian. An average of 22 percent of homeless people in~~
11 ~~the cities are considered mentally ill; 34 percent are substance abusers; 20 percent are~~
12 ~~employed; and 11 percent are veterans.~~ **2006. Officials estimate that on average,**
13 **single men comprise 51 percent of the homeless population, families with children**
14 **30 percent, single women 17 percent, and unaccompanied youth 2 percent. The**
15 **homeless population is estimated to be 42 percent African-American, 39 percent**
16 **white, 13 percent Hispanic, 4 percent Native-American and 2 percent Asian. An**
17 **average of 16 percent of homeless people is considered mentally ill; 26 percent are**
18 **substance abusers. Thirteen percent are employed; nine percent are veterans.**

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